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The Bishop's Chat

My Dear Flock:

Your Bishop, who has been talking to you week after week in this column, wishes to be one of the first to extend to you and to every member of your family, his heartfelt hope that you will be richly blessed by Heaven on the approaching anniversary of Christ's birth in this cruel world—so that your Christmas may be truly "merry and joyful."

The Heavenly Father gave His beloved Son only to make us happy both here, and, what counts more, hereafter. Because He is an infinitely perfect God He cannot, of course, dispense blessings to those who have no love for Him and are indifferent about His infinite love for them.

The coming of the Redeemer was heralded as "tidings of great joy for all the people." It was intended to be that, but unless "all the people" are repentant, and disposed to live "soberly and justly and godly in this world," they will not be the beneficiaries of that joy nor of the peace proclaimed by the angel on the night of His birth. That peace was conditioned on "good will"; but there is no good will where there is no disposition to live in keeping with the laws of God, no willingness to break habits of sin, no desire to live united with Him Who alone can give peace to their hearts, and happiness to their lives.

Last week I reminded you that you must approach the tribunal of penance with sincere sorrow and a firm resolution of amendment, and then greet the divine Babe in Holy Communion with a heart full of love. The "tempter" will try his best to keep you from doing this. He will not be adverse to your approaching the Sacraments if you are still prepared to play ball with him, but he will oppose

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Girls Visit Orphanage; Bring Christmas Party

Totowa, N. J., Dec. 15 —(NC)—Santa Claus came a little early this year to the youngsters at St. Joseph's Orphanage, conducted by the Sisters of Charity, here. Maybe it was just a coincidence, but he arrived today at the same time that 51 members of the Sodality of Our Lady at the College of St. Elizabeth paid a visit to the orphanage.

The college girls from Convent Station traveled in a cavalcade of automobiles to the orphanage on the outskirts of Paterson. About half of the college students gathered the orphans in one room and kept them busy singing Christmas carols and playing games. After a while the youngsters were led into another room and there was a beautifully trimmed Christmas tree, a gift of clothing plus a toy or two for each of the orphans. The other half of the college student group were there, too, and they looked as though they had been working hard.

Well, after all the excitement of distributing the gifts, the students and the youngsters joined in dancing and playing games.

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Merry Christmas

The Bishop and the staff of *Our Sunday Visitor* wish each of you the greatest joys of Christmas. Read the Bishop's Chat on this joyous feast.

Remember The Orphans

The collection throughout the diocese on Christmas Day at all Masses is for the support of the many orphans and dependent children. Our new Fort Wayne institution is crowded to capacity at present.

The Bishop hardly feels that it is necessary to ask any Catholic, no matter how long he (she) may have been away from the Sacraments, to receive with a heart full of repentance and love on Christmas day. To observe this feast outwardly and not inwardly is mockery.

Catholic Programs On The Air

All the Fort Wayne stations carry Catholic programs: WOWO (ABC) The Hour of Faith at 10:30 A. M. Sunday; WGL (NBC) The Catholic Hour at 5:00 P. M., Sunday; WKJG (Mutual) The Family Theatre at 9:00 P. M., Thursday;

WKJG, Sacred Heart program, at 7:45 A. M., Sunday; WKJG (Mutual), Faith in Our Times, at 9:15 A. M., Thursday;

WFTW, Fort Wayne priests, Monday through Friday at 9:15 A. M., fourth week in month;

WOWO (ABC) Hour of St. Francis, at 9:45 P. M., Sunday; WOWO (ABC) The Greatest Story Ever Told, at 5:30 P. M., Sunday.

Mission Sunday Collection

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4,000,000 U.S. Catholics Served In World War II; 28 Per Thousand Died

Ratio Of Catholics In Armed Forces Higher Than In General U. S. Population; Were One In Five Of All Who Served

Washington, Dec. 15—(NC)—Approximately 4,000,000 of the some 17,000,000 men and women who formed the armed forces of the United States of America in World War II were Catholics. This ratio, which is considerably higher than the number of Catholics in the total U. S. population, has been substantiated in statistics compiled here by the National Catholic Community Service.

The NCCS total is based upon only 65 per cent returns from the country's archdioceses and dioceses, but represents the most complete figures available at this time. It would indicate that Catholics, who are about one-sixth of the total U. S. population, supplied better than one-fifth of our soldiers, sailors, marines and coastguardsmen.

Other facts which stand out in the survey, which covers the period from September, 1940, to March, 1947:

Forty dioceses, which represent 46.7 per cent of the Catholic population in the United States, reported 27,322 persons killed or missing in action, a mortality rate of 28 per thousand Catholic men and women in the armed forces.

A study of the number of Catholic members of the WAVES and SPARS, showed the ratio of Catholic women to Catholic men in the Armed forces is slightly higher in the 44 dioceses reporting this breakdown than the ratio of women to men in the total armed forces. Twenty-five out of every 1,000 Catholic service personnel were women, compared to the gen-

eral ratio of 20 service women to 1,000 service personnel.

Grateful German Sends 20 Cribs To American Official

Munich, Dec. 15 —(NC)—To express his gratitude to the American people for their generous help to German children, Karl Leithner, a workman at Bischofsheim, Rhoen, has sent 20 Christmas cribs to James Sagan, Religious Affairs officer of the U. S. Office of Military Government.

Mrs. Egan is on leave from the faculty of New Rochelle College.

"I felt I ought to do something beyond just writing a letter," Herr Leithner explained. The cribs will be distributed after consultation with the chaplains of this post. Ten will go to Protestant and ten to Catholic children of American families now residing in Germany.

National Catholic Council Formed For Re-Settlement Of D.P.'s In This Country

Establishment Of Diocesan Committees To Survey Employment Opportunities And Educational Campaign Part Of Program

New York, Dec. 15—(NC)—Formation of the National Catholic Resettlement Council to promote a program for the reception and settlement of displaced persons in this country was announced here today following a two-day meeting of various national Catholic organizations.

The program of the Council includes the establishment of resettlement committees in each diocese of the United States to coordinate information on employment opportunities for displaced persons, and the carrying out of a large educational program aimed at bringing about better understanding among the American people "of their responsibilities in meeting this great international humanitarian problem."

Msgr. Edward E. Swanstrom, executive director of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, who announced the formation of the new Council and its purposes, said that the council would work hand in hand with other religious and civic groups interested in the problem. He further stated that War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference would assume administrative leadership in the program of the Council.

"Representatives of the major national Catholic organizations, including various nationality groups, have just concluded a two-day session at which was created the National Catholic Resettlement Council," Monsignor Swanstrom said.

"The newly established Council will cooperate with all other religious and civic organizations in the United States in promoting a program for the reception and settlement of displaced persons in this country."

"Organizations represented at the meeting included the Catholic Committee for Refugees, the National Conference of Catholic Charities and the National Catholic Rural Life Conference."

"The meeting was held in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of the Administrative Board of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, held in Washington in November, 1947, which authorized various Catholic organizations to meet for the purpose of forming the new Council."

"The program of the National Catholic Resettlement Council provides for the establishment of resettlement committees in each of the 118 Catholic dioceses in the United States. These committees will coordinate information in regard to specific employment opportunities of displaced persons in every community in the United States. Through the Council spon-

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No Newsprint For Catholic Paper In Poland, But Red Paper Appears

New York, Dec. 15 —(NC)—Despite the fact the Warsaw authorities, alleging lack of newsprint, have long denied permission for the publication of a Catholic paper for the 1,500,000 Catholics in Lower Silesia, a new communist paper has begun publication in that area, the Inter-Catholic Press Agency here reports.

The Breslau archdiocesan chancery requested of the Polish Office for Control of the Press permission to publish a paper more than a year ago, the agency says. Upon being turned down the chancery appealed directly to the Prime Minister and again received a negative answer, it adds.

Bishop Celebrant Of Pontifical Mass On Christmas Day

Sermon By Prelate, Music Elaborate, Broadcast By WOWO

Fort Wayne—Marking observance of the great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the Most Rev. John Francis Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, will celebrate Solemn Pontifical Mass at Midnight at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Solemn High Masses at the same hour are announced in the other churches of the city. This is the twenty-second season His Excellency pontificates at the Cathedral and gives the sermon, services and sermon to be broadcast by Station WOWO. Masses are also announced for 5:30, 6:45, 8, 9 (Children's), 10, and High Mass at 11 a. m., at which the musical program of the Midnight Mass will be repeated. Besides those listed there will be other low Masses throughout the morning.

As celebrant of the Pontifical Mass, Bishop Noll will have as deacons of honor, the Rev. Richard Urbine, parish seminarian and the Rev. Ralph Larson, a seminarian from St. Jude's parish. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, Cathedral rector, will be archpriest; the Rev. Stanley L. Manoski and the Rev. Eugene Zimmerman, of the Cathedral, will serve respectively as deacon and subdeacon; the V. Rev. Msgr. J. Feltes, chancellor, master of ceremonies.

Prof. Joseph Yonkman, organist and choirmaster, presiding at the console, the Cathedral choir of men and Boy Choristers will present an elaborate musical program.

Archbishop-Elect O'Boyle Consecration On January 14

New York, Dec. 15.—(NC)—Archbishop-designate Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington will be consecrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral here, on January 14, it has been announced.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will be the consecrator. Bishop John M. McNamara, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and of Washington, and Bishop Henry T. Klonowski, Auxiliary of Scranton, will serve as co-consecrators. Bishop Bryan J. McIntegart of Ogdensburg will preach the sermon at the consecration rites.

The executive director of the New York Catholic Charities and the former executive director of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, Archbishop-designate O'Boyle will be installed in the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington on January 21. His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, will officiate at the installation and Bishop McNamara will give the address of welcome.

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The Voice Of The N.C.C.W.

A Weekly Message From Deanery Leaders To The Deanery Members

Diocesan Publicity

Mrs. Wm. F. Black

The suggestions given below were sent to me by our Diocesan Spiritual Activities Chairman, Mrs. Joseph Junk and they are especially appropriate at this season so please note them. Many projects which can become a part of your Christmas preparation.

The Shrines in the Home Committee program is a year-round one but special seasons offer special opportunities for appropriate activities. Hence, now, as we look ahead to Advent and Christmas, some of these suggestions come to mind:

The Indoor Crib: Make the Home Shrine a Crib. Encourage the children to help in building it or in preparing a small Crib for their rooms. **The Outdoor Crib:** Encourage the erection of a garden Crib. Also sponsor an outdoor Crib as a community project. Have carols sung by different groups each evening during the Christmas week.

Crib Competition: Sponsor a parish or school competition among the children, with a statue of the Infant Jesus as a prize.

Rosary for Peace: Recite the Rosary in family groups during Advent as a preparation for Christmas.

Religious Greeting Cards: Send, and encourage others to send, religious cards at Christmas. Ask local merchants to stock religious cards, purchase them, and write a letter of appreciation to the dealer.

Home Carols: Since Christmas is the great family feast, arrange a half hour of family singing of Christmas carols at least one evening during the Christmas week.

Story Hour: Set aside a family story hour each week during Advent to tell the children Christmas stories. A parish Christmas story hour might be arranged on Saturdays.

Christmas Gift Books: Include Catholic Books and magazines in your Christmas gift list. Shrines in the Home Committees might co-operate with Library and Literature committees in supplying a suggested list of books to council members. Council meeting. Arrange a crib for the December meeting. Talks on Christmas celebrations in various lands or a Christmas play.

Give an appropriate Holy Card as a souvenir of the meeting.

Mrs. Junk writes me that the Rev. Patrick Peyton whom we all heard at our convention two years ago, sent her this message in which you are all included. "A Blessed Christmas and New Year and the assurance of my life long prayers that the Good God and His Blessed Mother will reward you and every friend of the Family Rosary work and the Family Theatre Program."

May I add this? God's love to enfold you, His wisdom to guide—May these be

your blessings this glad Christmastide.

South Bend Deanery

Mrs. Wm. F. Black

District No. 2 of the National Council of Catholic Women were hostesses Thursday afternoon to all the women of the Deanery. From one till two o'clock a Holy Hour was celebrated by Rev. James Healy, C.S.C., of Holy Cross Parish who also extended a welcome to the group. Mrs. Wm. Horgan, Deanery Chairman of Spiritual Activities and Parish Chairman opened the meeting and introduced Mrs. Joseph Fischer, chairman of the program. Members of St. Anne's Study Club presented a demonstration on preparing the altar and dressing the priest for Mass which was very interesting and worthwhile. Everyone enjoyed learning many things which they had forgotten or did not know. It is the hope that more groups of this kind can be formulated so we will have informed Catholics who can answer questions which may be put to them. Out of the city guests included Mrs. D. A. Peterson and Mrs. O. C. Metcalf of Elkhart, Rev. Herman J. Miller of Goshen. Rev. Walter McInerney also was presented and gave a very nice talk and Mrs. Walter Spalding, President of the Deanery, announced the formation of a Movie Council in South Bend with 30 leading organizations participating, our Council being one of them.

A lovely Christmas tea followed a short business session. Mrs. Stanley Przybylinski, District President, advises that St. Stanislaus Parish Members of Organizations there visit the sick at Healthwin Hospital and present boxes of fruit to parishioners at the Hospital and also send fruit to people ill at home.

Recently I heard some one say, we should try and get our work finished at least one day before Christmas eve so we could sit down and reflect on the beauty of the Christmas season and get into the mood of happy reflection and expectation so we could appreciate to the fullest extent the beautiful feast of Christmas, and as the herald angels sing Praises to the new born King, May the gladness they impart Echo always in your heart.

Hammond Deanery

Mrs. Chas. Van Valkenburg

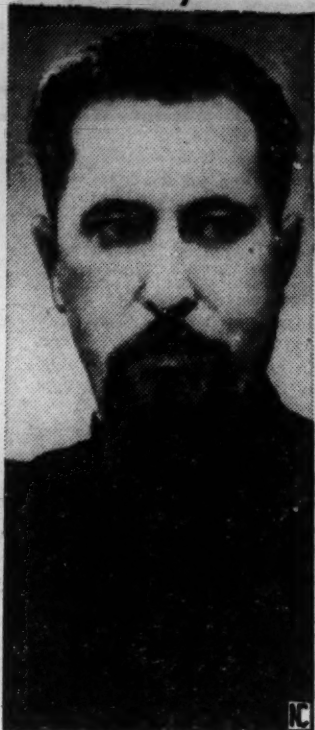
Meeting of the Hammond deanery was held Dec. 10 at St. Stanislaus parish, East Chicago, with benediction at 1:15 p.m.

Rev. John Lach, moderator, opened the business session with prayer. Mrs. Albert Koslow deanery president, presided.

Mrs. A. A. Wleklinski, program chairman, welcomed the guests and called attention to a flag on display.

A panel discussion on Social Action was given by the Gary deanery members, under the di-

Martyr



Bishop Theodore G. Romzha (above) of the Byzantine-Slavonic Catholic diocese of Mukacevo, in the Soviet Carpatho-Ukraine, and two priests and two seminarians met death under shocking circumstances in the hands of the military in an alleged "accident." The details of the deaths of the 36-year-old bishop and his companions, on October 25 have just been revealed by Bishop Daniel Ivancho, Coadjutor of the Greek Rite Diocese of Pittsburgh. (NC Photos)

rection of Mrs. J. F. Jones, Diocesan chairman of Social Action. District presidents, also parish chairman and various standing committees gave reports. Mrs. Koslow reminded all members to tune in on WJOB, Hammond radio station, Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. for the NCCW program. Also please write to the station giving comments on same.

Appointed to serve on the nominating committee was Mrs. W. J. O'Keefe, chairman, and Mrs. Joseph Waski and Mrs. Roy Hillbrick.

Diocesan officers present included Mrs. Chas. O'Drobinak, Treasurer; Mrs. John Bodney, Historian, and Mrs. Vincent Bower, Librarian and Literature.

Mrs. W. E. Millstead, in charge of the Book Shower, sponsored by the Library and Literature department, will gladly accept books for average age 15 and up for boys for Hoosier Town.

Rev. Father Lach then introduced the main speaker, Mr. Joseph Leston of Gary, a former government executive, his subject, Social Action, was very much enjoyed by all.

Next deanery meeting will be held March 10.

Michigan City Deanery

Mrs. John Barnes

On December 4 the Catholic Woman's Study Club, unit of NCCW, Michigan City, met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Welnetz. Guest speaker for the afternoon was Prof. Philip J. Reilly, of the University of Notre Dame. His subject was the life of St. Theresa of Jesus. Also on the program was Jackie Pfister, young vocalist, accompanied by Joy Carson.

December 4 members of the Catholic Youth Organization of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception church met at 8 p.m. Thursday in Marquette Hall. A membership drive for the organization is underway, and a married couples affiliation to the CYO was formed. All interested married couples are asked to become active in this affiliation. Plans for a basketball team were also discussed.

Letters have been sent to the married couples of the parish inviting them to the Christmas party on Dec. 18 at which 25c gifts will be exchanged. The CYO orchestra, organized about two months ago, which made its initial appearance at this meeting, will play Christmas carols for the Christmas party.

Committee in charge of the basketball team plans are Jean Gondek and Jim Kattas.

A sleigh ride party is planned

for Dec. 28. Those who wish to go may contact Rosemary Tobin, program chairman.

The Rev. Julian Doktor, pastor of St. Stanislaus church, Michigan City, announced that a choral group, containing 50 adult mixed voices, has been organized by members of the parish. Father Doktor has appointed Mrs. William L. Griswold as organist-director of the group.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected: Marvin Kominiarek, president; Mrs. Stanley Boyan, vice-president; Mrs. Henry Ratenski, secretary, and Miss Loraine Kaiser, treasurer. The following appointments were made by Mr. Kominiarek, Mrs. Joseph Kominiarek, librarian; Mrs. John Piecnik and Mrs. Ted Pawlik, membership committee, and Henry Konda and Edward Kazmucha, sergeants-at-arms.

The aim of the choral group is to give an annual concert, as well to serve as the choir for some of the church services at St. Stanislaus.

At 1 p.m., Dec. 21, the choir will present an hour's program of Polish Christmas carols in the parish hall. Mr. Kominiarek announced that the program will be without charge and the public is invited to attend. This program will be broadcast in place of the regular "Polish Hour of Harmony" program.

The first church appearance of

the group will be at the 11:30 a.m. High Mass on Christmas Day.

Membership in the choral group is closed until Jan. 1, it was also announced.

Gary Deanery

Mrs. Howard E. Carlson

The officers and members of Gary Deanery—National Council of Catholic Women extend heartiest greetings to all for a Happy Holy Christmas and best wishes for a Blessed and Peaceful New Year. We extend special greetings to our Most Reverend Bishop, John F. Noll; our Dean, Monsignor John F. Sullivan; our Spiritual Director, Reverend Joseph Hammes; all the clergy in our Deanery and to the officers and members of the other Deanery Councils.

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Defeatists Forget First Pentecost, Cardinal Reminds

Prelate Speaks At Triple Centennial Of Jesuits In New Orleans

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—(NC)—Warning against defeatism in our modern world because of the utter confusion that exists, His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, called defeatists "dreary thinkers who have forgotten the first Pentecost Sunday." His Eminence spoke at the closing exercises of the triple centennial marking the 100th anniversary of the return of the Jesuits to New Orleans, the centenary of the establishment of the Jesuit-conducted Church of the Immaculate Conception here, and the centennial of the College of the Immaculate Conception, now known as the Jesuit High School and Loyola University of the South.

Comparing the unsettled state of the world today to the times of St. Ignatius Loyola, the Cardinal stated that in that era Europe was "in confusion," "the seeds of materialism had been sown;" men, stunned by the rapid advances in science, "made the mistake of identifying novelty with truth;" the uncertainty of the times gave rise in many minds to fear, which "begot the littlest minds that ever tried to think."

"St. Ignatius understood that what was needed was the training of great minds, great Christian minds," Cardinal Stritch continued, "for without them the civilization of the western world would perish. Ignatius was above everything else a missionary, a missionary at home as well as abroad. He took what was good from the new and wedded it to eternal Christian truths. He never subscribed to the theory 'You can't do much about it' in mundane affairs. He had no sympathy with the complacent fellows. He prang to action, faced the changes."

"We have some defeatists in this modern world, dreary thinkers who have forgotten the first Pentecost Sunday. We must remember that the arm of God is not short in the industrialized world. Today it is possible to begin the finest chapter. The great need of the world today is the need for Christ. We need no secularized interpretation of life."

Christmas Musical Program December 19 At Saint Francis

Fort Wayne.—The annual Christmas musical program will be given by the members of St. Francis College Chorus at the Friday, Dec. 19, assembly period in the Ball Room, with Sister M. Aniceta, O.S.F., directing and Sister M. Constance, O.S.F., accompanist. The program will include traditional carols, duets, solos and the speaking choir.

Huntington Knights Aid Catholic High School



Robert Brennan, Grand Knight of Huntington Council Knights of Columbus, 1014, is pictured presenting a check for \$1,500 to the Rev. Wm. Lester, principal of Huntington Catholic High School and assistant at St. Mary's parish. The stringless gift was given to further the High School program which is conducted jointly by St. Peter and Paul and St. Mary parishes in Huntington. Members who attended the Dec. 15 meeting at the time of presentation are pictured in the background. Seated, left to right, are Harry Helm, trustee; Lawrence Eisenhauer, financial secretary and State Chairman of Athletics; the Rev. T. E. Dillon, pastor, St. Mary's; Mr. Brennan; Father Lester (Council Chaplain); Isidore Hergenroether, Deputy Grand Knight; William E. Zahn, State Treasurer; Fritz Keefe, trustee, and Herbert J. Zahn, treasurer.

Cathedral Holy Name Elects; List Society Events

Fort Wayne.—A corporate Communion of the Holy Name society at the 8 a. m. Mass Sunday in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was followed by a breakfast meeting and election of officers in Cathedral school gym. Alfred Lief was elected president; and Henry F-eistrotter, vice president; Thomas Maher, recording secretary and Louis D'Nardis, secretary-treasurer, were retained. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, Cathedral rector and Holy Name spiritual director, addressed the men on the "Spiritual Import of Christmas."

Sunday, December 21, there will be a corporate Communion of the Blessed Virgin sodality at the 8 a. m. Mass. Annual reception of new sodalists will be conducted during the afternoon services at 3 o'clock.

The Rosary society at 3:30 p. m. will hold a Christmas party and gift exchange in Cathedral school gym. An attractive social program has been arranged, incident to which Msgr. Dapp, will speak.

Opera Star Sings At Mass In London

London, Dec. 15.—(NC)—Beniamino Gigli, the famous tenor, now on a recital tour in Britain, sang the Ave Maria at the mid-day Mass last Sunday in Corpus Christi Church, Maiden-lane, the "actors' church" just off the Strand and close to London's Savoy Hotel.

Rural Life

An International Conference

New Zealand.—Australian and some continental European Catholic groups urge the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in the United States of America to create an international Catholic Rural Life Conference and that an international assembly be undertaken. International matters of food for relief, and "Live Relief," over the boarder migrant

laborers, Displaced Persons, and Students' Exchange, Sea Going Cow Boys are but a few of the problems of international scope that call for transoceanic planning and deliberations.

Agricultural Students from the University of Poland visit Dec. 14 at St. John's in Goshen. As an outgrowth of the Heifer for Relief Project, sailing of Heifer for Relief ships to Poland. The Brethren Service Committee in visting with Agricultural schools and stations in Poland, ten Catholic Polish Youth from the University of Warsaw in Poland have come to America for a year. This Catholic group of eight young Polish Men and two young Polish women are now in America since September and speak considerable English. The group attended the Sixth Annual Rural Life Conference, sponsored by the Rural Life Association early in December at North Manchester College. They met in conference there with Monsignor Ligutti, Executive Secretary of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, who enjoys a wide personal knowledge of European agronomic and agrarian affairs.

Two young men members of the group are extending their stay in northern Indiana and so came to call and meet with the clergy at St. John's of Goshen, for Sunday Mass., and places of interest round about. All members of the group specialize in specific skills and departmentalized effort in agrarian studies, thus with transoceanic travel to bring added benefit in their skills to sectors in Poland.

New Chairman of Priest Diocesan Directors RLC. The Very Rev. John Heinz, Dean in Mohall, North Dakota, former first Vice President of the NCRLC—is the newly elected Chairman of Priest Diocesan Directors of Catholic Rural Life Conference in America. National Assembly of Catholic Priest Diocesan Directors is called for LaCrosse, Wis., by invitation of the Auxiliary Bishop of LaCrosse, thru Father Baer, Priest Diocesan director RLC of LaCrosse.

Catholic Agricultural School formation by the Salesian Fathers is in progress. Dr. Paul Saco, Diocesan Agronomist in the Davenport diocese, also furthers plans in similar levels.

Holy Name Society Attends Breakfast

Huntington.—Members of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Parish, here, attended a Communion Breakfast and meeting in the school hall, Sunday morning.

Fr. Eugene Lucky Conducts Precious Blood Forty Hours

Fort Wayne.—Conducted by the Rev. Eugene Lucky, C.P.S., Precious Blood missionary with headquarters at Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, O., Forty Hours devotion was held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14-16 at Most Precious Blood church. The Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.P.S., pastor, opened the devotion with a solemn High Mass at 7:30 a. m. Sunday.

Tuesday evening the pastors of the city were guests of Fr. Kremer at dinner, the solemn closing of Forty Hours being held at 7:30 o'clock over 30 priests participating. A record number of parishioners received the Sacraments during the devotion.

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'Peace Among Men Of Good Will'

Merry Christmas



BISHOP NOLL and the entire staff of "Our Sunday Visitor" wish each of our readers all of the blessings of the Christmas season. You will be in our thoughts and in our prayers on this anniversary of the coming of the Redeemer. Make the day perfect by receiving

Holy Communion and honor Jesus by attendance at three Masses on His birthday.

Right or Wrong

Editors' views on current events and others' comments

Christmas Thoughts

CARDINAL Newman, writing on the Incarnation, gave utterance to several profound thoughts which are deserving of our serious contemplation. He notes with St. Paul that the Son of God did not adopt the higher nature of an angel but the lower nature of man, because He had greater commiseration for man than He did for the angels, whose disobedience to God was the more inexcusable in that they had greater knowledge. "Unto which of the angels, said He at any time: 'Thou art My Son. This day I have begotten Thee?'" writes St. Paul. Again "to which of the angels, saith He at any time: 'Sit on My right hand until I make Thy enemy My footstool?'"

The angels were only to adore Him as the God-man in swaddling clothes, according to the words: "When He bringeth the First Begotten into the world he saith: 'And yet all the angels of God worship Him.'"

He, Who was God from the beginning; Who was God, Who became flesh to dwell against us, ennobled human nature immeasurably. He condescended to come down to earth from His heavenly throne and to be born in His own world, in a created nature, our human nature.

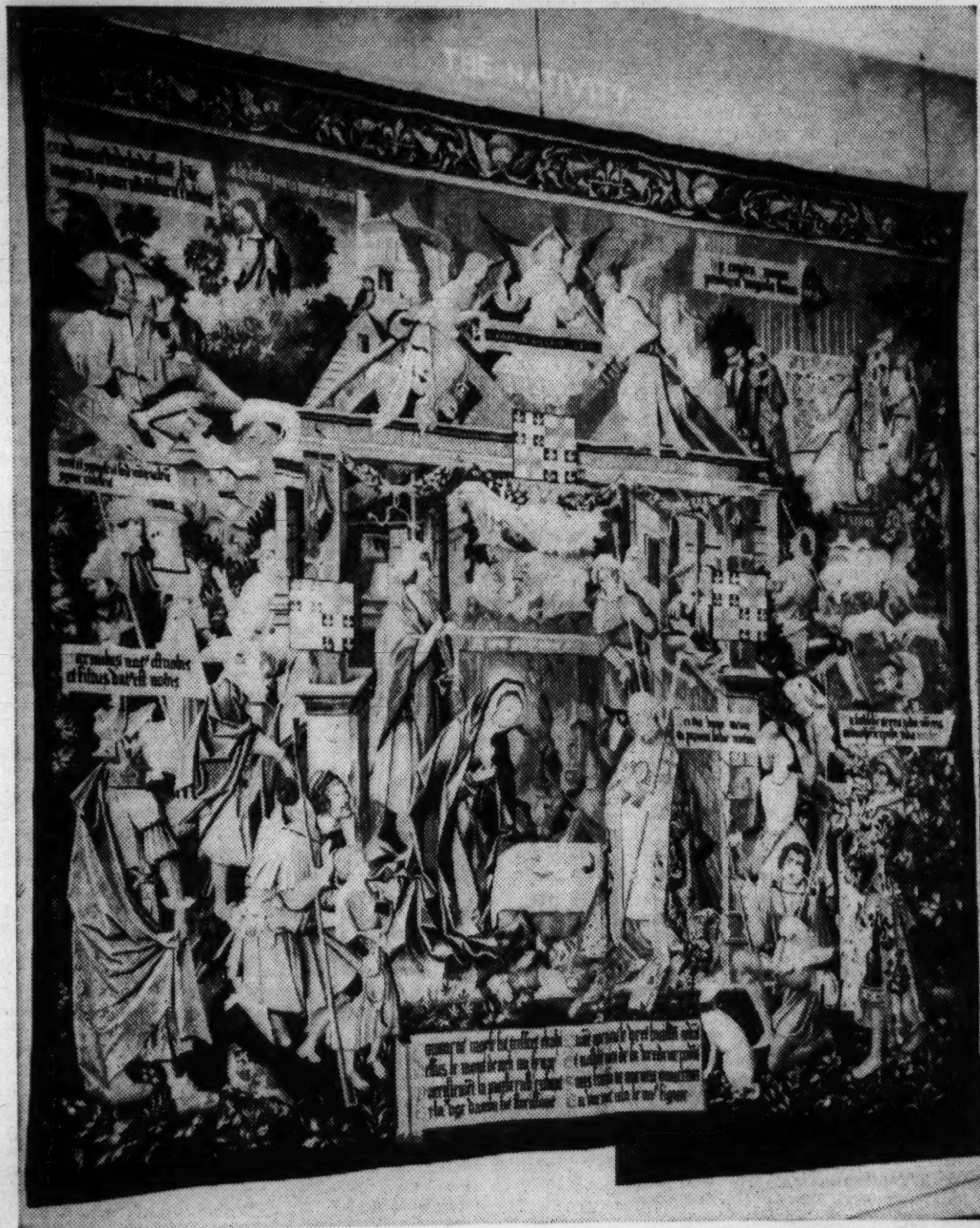
He did not become a human being, and that is why His birth did not take place in the ordinary way. He had a human mother, but not a human father. He was conceived in Mary through the Holy Ghost. To Joseph the angel said: "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost . . . and she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins."

Another angel had already said to Mary: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee; therefore the Holy One Who shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

God Must Stay In

WITH the denial of God, man becomes a "mere hand" or "production unit" in the materialistic capitalist West, and "a slave, a robot, an ant, in materialistic Communist Russia," Clare Boothe Luce, former member of Congress, told members of the Archdiocesan

The Birth Of Christ



"The Nativity," one of a series of French tapestries on "The Life of The Virgin," is currently on exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. It was loaned by the French Government.

Jesus Makes Our Souls His Crib When We Welcome Him In Holy Eucharist

BY THE REV. RICHARD GINDER

THE Sacred Heart Church in Pittsburgh, the Christmas Crib is never dismantled. The pastor there reasons that if it's good at Christmas, it's good every other season of the year. And so it stands—the Nativity group—in a special niche, year in and year out, solemnly blessed each Christmas just before the Midnight Mass.

But Our Lord has left us something even better than this as a memorial of His birth at Bethlehem. It is more than a statuary group. It is the extension, the perpetuation of Bethlehem on our altars throughout the centuries.

We are used to thinking of the Blessed Sacrament as a memorial of Our Lord's Passion. It recalls the twilight of Holy Thursday, the afternoon of Good Friday. Just as easily and with as much truth does it bespeak Bethlehem and that first Christmas Eve.

The saintly Pere Eymard points out how appropriate it is that Jesus should have been born in a stable or, if you please, a cave. Was He not the Lamb to be offered for our sins? And are not lambs usually born in stables?

"This little Lamb," says Blessed Peter, "was to grow up close to its Mother; in forty days she would learn the secret of its immolation. She would feed it with her pure and virginal milk, and would preserve it for the day of sacrifice."

He points out that St. John the Baptist, when he first saw Jesus, thought of Him at once as a sacrificial victim.

"Behold the Lamb of God," he exclaimed, "behold Him who taketh away the sin of the world!"

The Infant Jesus and the Host It was on Christmas that Our Lord began the practice of those beautiful virtues, characteristic of His presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

Here we have Him an infant,

utterly obedient to all who come near. Mary picks Him up and lays Him down. She moves Him here and places Him there. He offers no resistance—even when the shepherds take Him into their arms (if they dare and His Mother permits it).—And so He is in the Blessed Eucharist. Think of it, dear reader! Jesus in this Sacrament has never disobeyed one of His priests. The fact is that Jesus in this Sacrament has never dis-

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World Misses Real Meaning Of Christmas

Christ Came From Heaven To Earth To Undo Havoc Created By Man's Fall



God had intended that earth, like Heaven, should be a land of happiness and peace. Adam's home was called "a Paradise of Pleasure," and before his fall God personally communed with him daily. Of course, He did not appear to him in all His

beauty and glory or Adam could never have disobeyed Him. If from the time of his fall until an adequate Atonement would be made for it, this world was a place of sadness and sorrow and suffering; of rebellions, of wars, it is because the consequences of Adam's rebellion "had passed on to all men." That Atonement was delayed a long time in order that mankind might the better realize that its happiness depended on living according to the will of the Creator, and that peace with God, with one's own conscience, with one's fellowmen, and peace among nations, is a gift from Heaven.

Heaven A Reward For Angels And Us

God needed no creatures in His Heavenly Paradise to add to His own infinite joy and bliss, precisely because His joy was infinitely blissful and could not be added to. But He did fashion myriads of angels, spirits made after His own likeness, with whom to share His glory and happiness. Heaven was not to become their as a gift, but as a reward at least for a slight service rendered. Those who, while on probation, obeyed Him rather than the rebellious Lucifer, were admitted into the "joy of the Lord" where they have ever since lived in harmony and peace.

It could not be otherwise, because each angel loves His God to his fullest capacity, and united to every other angel and to the choirs of angels with reciprocal love—and such seraphic love and such tranquil harmony spells peace of the highest order.

Far off from this land, in one among billions of worlds, God placed this earth, and fashioned other creatures resembling God and the angels as to soul, but material creatures as to body, but made available to them the same heavenly home, in fact destined them for that paradise of everlasting delights. The spirits or souls of millions of them, associated with the angels, already bask in the joy of the Lord, with no danger of ever losing it. They owe it all to the "fruits of Christ's Redemption," which was inaugurated on the feast we commemorate Thursday—the coming into this world as Savior and Redeemer of the beloved Son of God Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost inhabited Heaven all alone until the admission into it of the faithful angels. Without the intervention of the Incarnate Son of God, Heaven would have been permanently closed to every human being, as it is permanently closed to the

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What Seven Ministers Failed To See

Incarceration Of 104 Priests And Their Inhuman Treatment Unreported By Seven U. S. Protestant Clergymen Who 'Saw All' In Yugoslavia

Seven American Protestant clergymen who visited Yugoslavia for two weeks last summer as guests of the Tito regime, to investigate the status of religious life in that country, have declared in their report that "at all times . . . we were given complete freedom . . . to talk to anyone to whom we wished to speak, and to go where we wished, without government representatives present, an opportunity of which we took full advantage." The following dispatches, received here from absolutely trustworthy sources, deal with incidents that took place and with conditions that existed in Yugoslavia at the very time the seven Protestant clergymen discovered what they termed "this fundamental freedom—freedom of worship." These dispatches depict conditions in startling contrast to the clergymen's assertion that "there is in Yugoslavia today a genuine equality of religion before the law and the beginnings of a true tolerance."

Bari, Italy, Dec. 15.—(NC)—A total of 104 Catholic priests are now imprisoned in Yugoslavia's dread Stara Gradiska prison. This number, representing an increase of 20 priest-prisoners in the last two months, is revealed by reports received here which describe the condition of the priests imprisoned in the communist "Dachau."

Despite the tight censorship on all information regarding the infamous concentration camp, it is known that the living conditions of the priests are inhuman.

The reports received here point out that these priests were in prison and these same conditions obtained at the time of the visit of seven Protestant ministers to Yugoslavia. Yet the American clergymen failed completely to take cognizance of the existence of such "hells" as Stara Gradiska which are scattered all over the country.

Food given the prisoner is of the poorest quality. The men are allowed but two meager meals each day. As a result all are suffering from malnutrition and scores of them are covered with sores caused by the lack of necessary vitamins in their diet.

The guards of the prison are free to abuse the priests—apparently without fear of correction from higher authorities. These guards continually torment their charges and shower them with the vilest epithets.

The priests in Stara Gradiska prison are severely disciplined even for insignificant infractions of routine. It is known that priests

have been chained to the walls of the prison dungeon and subjected to beatings for periods as long as ten days.

Others have been gravely injured by forced labor through assignment for long intervals to the notorious "discipline labor battalion."

Under such conditions of imprisonment, the general health of the priests is rapidly collapsing. All of them are suffering from exposure and malnutrition. Many have become seriously ill, yet it is virtually impossible for them to receive attention of a doctor or gain admission to the hospital.

When some of the sick do succeed in entering the infirmary, it is likely to be too late. One priest died upon entrance, while another was admitted just two days before his death.

Because of this lack of medical care and proper living conditions, disease is beginning to spread among the priests in confinement.

Older men in the group are suffering greatly from nervous ailments brought about by inadequate food, exposure and by the shock of brutal treatment.

The priests have no privileges. Only on rare occasions is it permitted for an individual either to send or receive mail.

Opportunity for the performance of religious devotions is denied. The priests are not allowed to celebrate Mass and are prevented from reciting the Office and the Rosary.

The arrest of three priests by

OZNA (secret police) during the August pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Madonna at Maria Brezie in Yugoslavia, was disclosed in advices reaching here.

The priests apprehended were the Rev. Bonaventure Rezman, O.F.M., the Rev. Bogdan Markelj, O.F.M., and the Rev. Valerian Valerck, O.F.M.

The arrest of the priests followed communist-inspired agitation which interrupted the ceremonies of the annual pilgrimage to the famous shrine last August 15.

The incident at Maria Brezie took the pattern now being employed by the communists in their persecution of the Catholic Church. It recalls the Lanische episode in which Msgr. Jacob Ukmar was arrested by the authorities after the communists broke into the church during a confirmation service.

On that occasion Msgr. Ukmar was seriously injured and the pastor, the Rev. Miro Bulesich, was killed by the communists.

During the ceremonies at the Maria Brezie Shrine, a small group of communists infiltrated the crowd and began shouting out such slogans as "Liberty for Archbishop Stepinac" and "Down with Tito" in an effort to cause an anti-government demonstration on the part of the pilgrims.

As a result of the provocation of the communists, the police arrested the three priests who are still being held.

The pilgrimage incident, like the tragedy at Lanische, the reports point out, show the increasing and widespread use of special "incendiary" agents by the communists.

These agents, frequently posing as objectors to the communist persecution of religion, cunningly seek to arouse the indignation of the people against the Government by provoking incidents. In this way they hope to leave the Church open to Communist reprisals for supposedly encouraging anti-State activities.

Bishop Galvin Opens Fourth School In China

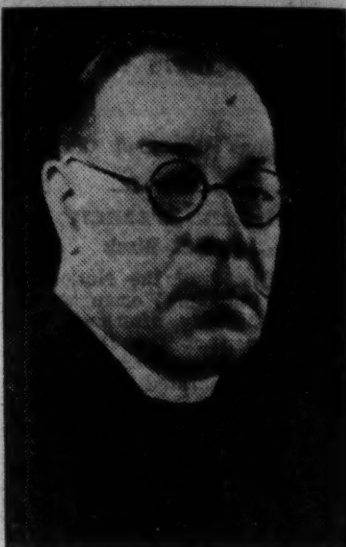
St. Columban, Neb., Dec. 15.—(NC)—"There is a craze for education, and the church must move with the times if she is to survive," Bishop Edward J. Galvin, founder of St. Columban's Society and Bishop of Hanyang, China, stated in a letter just received at St. Columban's headquarters here.

Suiting his actions to his words, Bishop Galvin has opened a new high school in Hanyang. He already has three primary schools in operation there with a total enrollment of 600 pupils. The new Hanyang High School opened with two classes and an enrollment of 50 pupils. Additional classes will be added at the end of each term until they reach the full six classes. Bishop Galvin has five outside teachers plus two Sisters. The principal of the school is Sister Isabella, a Chinese Sister who made her vocation at Loretto, Ky. A foreigner is not permitted to be principal of any school in China.

Opposes State Religion For Dominion Of India

New Delhi, India, Dec. 12.—(NC)—Expressing opposition to those who demand that Hinduism be made the State religion of the Dominion of India, Prime Minister Pandit Nehru has declared that "to call for the establishment of a Hindu State is a reactionary slogan and will hang the door to all progress." A theocratic State means narrow-mindedness, he added.

Brother 50 Years



Notre Dame, Ind. — Brother Peter Hosinski, C.S.C., veteran Brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his profession in ceremonies to be held at Holy Cross Seminary on the campus of the University of Notre Dame on December 30th.

Brother Peter, who was professed on December 30, 1897, currently is serving as an accountant for the parishes in South Bend, for Holy Cross Seminary and for the Holy Cross Mission Band with headquarters at Notre Dame.

The Rev. Thomas A. Steiner, C.S.C., Provincial of the Congregation of Holy Cross in the United States, will celebrate a Mass commemorating the occasion in Holy Cross Seminary on December 30th. Assisting Father Steiner will be the Rev. E. Przybyski, of Chicago, Ill., Deacon; the Rev. J. V. Raczynski, Detroit, Mich., Sub-Deacon; and the Rev. S. Janowski, C.S.C., Master of Ceremonies. The Rev. Cornelius Lasowski, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame, will preach the sermon.

Brother Peter, a native of South Bend, established Holy Trinity grammar school in Chicago in 1893 and in 1910 started Holy Trinity high school, the second Polish high school in the United States. In 1917, in answer to an appeal from the Bishop of Dacca, Brother Peter and Father Finner, then assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church in South Bend, volunteered to go to India.

Brother Peter was assigned in 1924 to teach at Holy Trinity high school where he remained until 1929 when he was sent as secretary and treasurer of St. Edward's University, Austin, Tex., in 1929. In 1935 he returned to Notre Dame to assume his present post.

Bishop Urges Prayer For Reconciliation Of Germany And France

Beuron, Germany, Dec. 15 — "France visualizes her occupation in Germany as a constructive task in the sense of fraternal love and reconciliation," said Bishop Picard de la Vacquerie, Catholic religious affairs inspector of the French zones in Germany and Austria, in a sermon here, during a three day retreat of all chaplains reporting to him. Twenty-five priests attended and shared the "Kiss of Peace" after Holy Communion with the monks of this Benedictine monastery after the Bishop who was saying Pontifical High Mass imparted to his three assistants at the altar the "Pax Tecum" with a distinct voice, three times.

"Unfortunately," Bishop de la Vacquerie went on, "the war has separated us Christians all over the world, but we must overcome hate and live together in a spirit of charity. We must pray, together, we French and we Germans. We must pray for reconciliation so that some day the antagonism that has arisen will be overcome. Christ has commanded us to teach the Gospel of love to all peoples. We must oppose the Gospel of hate spread by Satan."

It was a remarkable experience to see the German monastic community here share their choir stalls with the French visitors, and to listen to the homily delivered in French after the Mass by one of the latter.

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Original Sin

You told me that you would explain the doctrine of Original Sin. I am interested in learning about it.

When God declared that He created Adam "after His own image and likeness" (Gen. 1, 27), He meant that his soul was made to resemble God. It was not only free from all sin, but adorned with supernatural life and endowed with supernatural gifts, as his body also was endowed with properties which, in no sense, belonged to his nature. When Adam, by a deliberate act of disobedience to God's orders, sinned seriously, he fell from the supernatural to a natural plane and lost his soul-resemblance to God; and his body lost its immunity from death.

But why should our souls, created directly by God, be deprived of the supernatural life on his account? Would not that be an injustice?

We must distinguish between man's nature and the supernatural gifts which were superadded to his nature gratuitously. When we read in Genesis: "God created man after His own image and likeness" (Gen. 1, 27), two things are implied: (1) his soul was endowed with intelligence and free will, attributes belonging to human nature itself; and (2) supernatural life was added to his soul, which made him "partaker of God's nature" (2 Peter I, 4). By grace he became a "child of God" through adoption, and consequently an "heir of Heaven."

Had Adam, when he was put to a test, as the head of the entire race, been loyal, his descendants would have inherited all that he enjoyed, although they would not have had any title to the same. They would even be exempted from human suffering and death, as God intended Adam to be, special properties imparted to his body. But when Adam disobeyed God in that test, human nature became tainted at its source, and since you and I have inherited that fallen human nature—deprived of those supernatural and preternatural endowments, which were pure gifts from God—we became involved in his guilt. "Gifts" are never "rights," and hence the withholding of them cannot constitute an injustice. Since one would expect a material body to get out of repair and wear out, it could be preserved from death only by a special act of Providence.

Did human nature, therefore, become totally corrupt by Adam's fall?

No. The Catholic Church does not teach with some of the "Reformers" that our human nature became absolutely corrupt when it fell through Adam, nor that we lost our free will. Luther held that "man is nothing but sin," and he wrote a book entitled "The Slave Will." Calvin also taught "Everything in man after his fall is sin. The virtues of the pagan, such as those of Socrates, were only splendid crimes" (Cal, Instit.).

The Catholic Church holds with the formularies of many Protestant sects that the entire race fell through Adam, but she does not teach, with them, that man's nature itself became depraved, that his will is no longer free, and that good works, prior to the reception of Baptism and faith, are worthless before God. They cannot merit supernatural reward, but may dispose one for God's grace restored by Christ's atonement. The Catholic Church does not teach with some of them that only those predestined by God will profit by Christ's Redemption, but rather that all God's regenerated children can profit from it immeasurably.

By the union of the divine nature with the human, the latter was ennobled far above what it originally was. Since eternal things alone count, and the infinite Atonement of Christ nullified the eternal effects of Adam's fall, and even placed man in a better position, good has come out of it. Temporal afflictions, borne now with resignation to God's will, can be turned into inestimable blessings.

Do others than Christians believe in a fallen human race?

Even pagan philosophers of antiquity believed that something happened to the human race. They could not believe that man originally came forth from God's hands so badly inclined to evil, so selfish, so intolerant of his fellows, so much disposed to cruelty. The misery in the world at this time, the confusion which the experts are unable to reduce, point clearly to an estrangement of man from God.

Peace, concord, happiness were purchased by a Divine Liberator, but their enjoyment is conditioned on His terms, which world-leaders not only refuse to accept themselves, but of which many of them deliberately deprive their subjects. I have heard some say that the story of the temptation of Adam and Eve by the serpent is a fable, but what you have already told me has answered that.

The actuality of the temptation, not by a serpent but by the devil under the form of a serpent, is taken for granted all through the Old Testament, and has been universally believed by Christians. In fact, the Incarnation of the Son of God and the infinite price He paid by His Redemption for the atonement of the disobedience of Adam, would have no meaning if the whole human race had not fallen with Adam.

Was it such a serious sin for Adam to eat a certain fruit?

The sin did not consist in their eating the fruit, but in disobeying God, Who was serious about enforcing that demand. You must remember that even the angels were placed on trial, because Heaven is a reward in return for service rendered. God did not give

the angels an opportunity to repent, nor did He do for them what He did for man, but He did give Adam that opportunity. Had Adam committed many other sins, we would not have been held responsible for them, because he would not have committed them as the official head of the human race.

It was only after Adam's fall that God condemned the human race to labor, suffering and death. We read (Gen. III, 17-19) that shortly after the fall of Adam God said to him: "In the sweat of thy brow, thou shalt eat bread until thou return to the earth from which thou wast taken; for dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return." God also said to him: "Cursed is the earth in thy work. With labor and toil thou shalt eat the fruit thereof all the days of thy life."

You have said that Adam's fall has become a boon to those who have benefited from the Atonement of Christ. How does the individual share in the merits of the Atonement?

By Faith and the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. You are now being instructed in the revealed truths of Faith, and at the completion of the instruction, if you will sincerely profess your belief in them, you will be admitted to Baptism.

But what if I had been previously baptized?

It will be repeated conditionally for fear that it might not have been correctly administered. Since God made it absolutely necessary for salvation (John III, 5) you yourself will want it conferred conditionally, which means that it will be effective only if you received it invalidly because of a defect of form or words. You will learn more about this in our next lesson.

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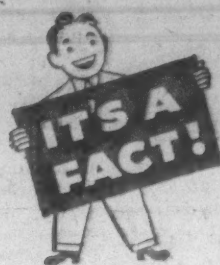
many angels who, while on probation, defied their Maker.

All Evils Are Due to Sin

Everything that has been wrong with this world from Adam's time is due to sin. Although man is a composite of spirit and matter he would not have died if he had not sinned: "By one man sin came into the world," said St. Paul, "and by sin death and death passed on to all men" (Rom V, 12). The lower creatures would never have rebelled against man if man had not rebelled against God. This is clearly declared in the second chapter of the Book of Genesis, which tells us that trees bearing fruit and fields bearing grain and water from springs to nourish them were furnished by God before "there was a man to till the earth"—and so would it always have been had Adam, the progenitor of the human race, been loyal and faithful.

After his fall not only was the death sentence pronounced, but God said to Eve: "I will multiply thy sorrows and thy conceptions; in sorrow shall thou bring forth children." To Adam He said: "Because thou hast eaten of the tree whereof I commanded thee that thou should not eat, cursed is the earth in thy work; with labor and toil shalt thou eat thereof a the days of thy life. Thorns and thistles I shall bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herbs of the earth. In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread until thou return to the earth from which thou wast taken."

The Savior, Who came from Heaven to earth to undo the havoc created by the fall of Adam, did not make man exempt from temporal evils or from temporal death, but saved him from eternal death by the restoration of the supernatural life to souls. He made possible the resurrection of the human body in glory and its reunion with the soul after death, so that the human person, complete and undivided, might enter the bliss of Heaven and enjoy it everlastingly.



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They Seek Sympathy, But Show None

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ing Communism on a world front. Let the professed lovers of liberty join us in the protests we are making on that world front and then we will be better able to trust them and their purposes when they approach us on local questions."

"But how can we reasonably defend locally those whose activities elsewhere have caused, notwithstanding the bland pretensions of fellow travelers, the imprisonment of our Bishops and the murder of our priests in Yugoslavia, the confiscation of our institutions and the suppression of our press elsewhere in Eastern Europe, the profanation of our shrines and the terror of our people in Italy and France?" he asked.

"And so our answer," said Archbishop Cushing, "to those who ask us to sympathize with local fellow travelers and who ask us to sign statements and who ask of the freedom of speech of local Communists, is extremely simple. This is it: Let us exchange autographs. Let the local lovers of civil liberties give us public statements of their concern over the systematic violation of our liberties by the Reds in Poland, in Yugoslavia, in Lithuania, in occupied Germany and elsewhere. Perhaps then we can hear with better grace the plea that we speak up for the fellow travelers here."

The Best Movies

Writing from Hollywood a couple of weeks ago Jimmie Fidler tells how one of the producers, after having been in financial straits, started to specialize in pictures suitable for the whole family, and that he succeeded not only in getting out of the red, but has made more profit during the past three years than any other producer. This producer has fought shy of "crime pictures during a period when other studios have ground them out like sausage." The one question which he tries to answer for himself is, writes Fidler, "Will this story entertain the majority of theatre goers?"; "and" continues Fidler, "he has not tried to entertain them with 'sin-sation'."

George E. Sokolsky, in his syndicated column, date of December 2, 1947, observed "the motion picture is everybody's business, just as the school and the church are everybody's business. Although the motion picture business is private enterprise, done for a profit, every parent has to decide for himself whether the particular picture is fit for his family."

Sokolsky further observes: "The Production Code devised by Martin Quigley, a publisher, sought to keep pictures in line with common decency and American morals. State regulatory agencies and the Legion of Decency aided."

"The proof that Americans prefer clean pictures lies in the box office return of 'Going My Way' and 'The Bells of St. Mary's.' These are inspiring, decent pictures, and no sexy story ever earned as much. After all, there is something more in American life to write about than sex—or the class struggle."

Church And State

Those Protestant churchmen and editors who are presently engaged in stirring up ill feeling among all non-Catholic Americans against Catholics, who have availed themselves of the permission granted

them in some states to have their children transported to school by bus along with public school children, would, we are sure, feel ashamed if they read what the Catholic majority in the Province of Quebec, Canada, has approved for the benefit of Protestant schools.

At Buckingham, Quebec, the government itself, which is predominantly Catholic, contributed \$100,000.00 towards a \$250,000.00 Protestant high school. Less than a month previously it had contributed \$25,000.00 toward a \$300,000.00 "Protestant High School" at Three Rivers.

Needless to say Protestants accepted the grants cheerfully and praised the broadmindedness of the government in this Catholic state. If our government in Washington had made any such grant to Catholic High Schools of the United States, these churchmen and editors would certainly see a drastic violation of the principle of "separation of Church and State." These gentlemen are also creating some embarrassment for institutions of their own by their attitude. For instance, the Superintendent of a Baptist Hospital at Houston, Texas, expressed regret that his institution would have to "take a back seat" because he could not consistently accept government help for the expansion of his hospital because some ecclesiastics of that denomination are objecting to the use of public funds even for the transportation of a very limited number of Catholic children—even though the purpose be to protect their lives on the public highways.

Going Too Far

Are not the Baptists carrying their principle a little too far when they actually assist a professed atheist before the Supreme Court of the United States who had opposed her child attending religious instruction on released time? Baptists of the Champaign, Illinois, area, where the atheist started the trouble do not agree with their higher authorities. They claim that they have been contributing money for the support of the released time program, and that those of their creed, who prepared a brief for submission to the Supreme Court of the United States to support the atheist did not speak for the Baptists as a whole.

Our Fault

We are heartily in favor of the assistance of desperate Europeans through the Marshall Plan, but we cannot refrain from defending the charge that it is our own fault that things have come to such a sorry pass in all countries west of Russia.

It was proposed during the war that the Christian countries from Poland in the north down to Bulgaria on the Black Sea, form a "Union of Christian States" between Germany and Russia. These little states had a combined population of more than 125,000,000 people. If they threatened to join Russia in war in case Germany again became aggressive, or to join Germany in war if Russia became aggressive anew, there would be no future wars in Europe. Besides these many small states would have the independence for which they have so long yearned. Communism would have been kept within the boundaries of Russia.

It is by our very dangerous concessions to Stalin and to Molotov during the Big Four Conference held during and after the late war that the Baltic, the Balkans and the Danubian States are now under Soviet control. It is because of our trust in the willingness of Russia to cooperate that we did nothing to prevent the things that are happening now in France and Italy, and in the Russian zone of Germany.

The chief Communist organizers in France, Duclos and Thorez, had been in Russia, but DeGaulle permitted them to return, being as unsuspecting of what they would do as our own political leaders here have been.

An Indiana couple writes: "We were having serious trouble in the settling of an estate. We promised our Blessed Mother if we received a satisfactory settlement we would send \$10.00 towards the completion of the National Shrine of Mary Immaculate. Now we are fulfilling our promise."

What Our Readers Think

Opinions expressed in letters appearing in these columns are those of our readers and not necessarily of the editors of Our Sunday Visitor.

Belgium's Example Of True Charity

Editor:

The following information I found in the columns of the official organ of my home diocese in Belgium. This paper is issued twice a month and is for the clergy only. I was just wondering whether you could not get this information in O. S. V. I am sure it would be of interest to its readers and particularly to those of Hungarian extraction.

Due to the dire need in which the Hungarian people find themselves, especially those of the middle class it has been decided by the Belgian episcopate to make an urgent appeal to the Catholics of Belgium to give hospitality once more to Hungarian children whose parents are unable to provide with the necessities of life. (Also after the last world war when Belgium was still in ruins and had quite a time to provide for its own population Hungarian children by the trainload were received and welcomed in Belgian homes and stayed there for years.)

The same situation is being repeated now. While it is true that Belgium is better off than many other countries and is well on the way to recovery, it remains a fact that all food is still rationed and available only at very high prices. Notwithstanding this, the Belgian people are making ready to open its homes and Catholic institutions to these starving little children. A

special collection sponsored by "Caritas Catholic" was taken up in all Churches on September 7 and the first trainload was scheduled to arrive October 10. The undertaking is studied out in every detail, even to the smallest; f.i. those people who will take in these children will be provided with Flemish Hungarian conversation books to enable them better to look after their charges and make them feel at home from the day of their arrival.

I cannot help believing that the small nation of Belgium is hereby setting a splendid example of Christian charity which deserves to be publicized, especially in these days when greed and selfishness seem to have the upperhand almost everywhere.

Sincerely yours
Fr. E. J. P.

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God Is Nigh!

Even though in half the world the Church is persecuted, God is nigh. Bow down before His Crib and be sure that you and your loved ones will be in the grateful hearts of our Near East priests and sisters. Our poor will not forget you.

"BEFORE YOU GROW UP!"

Long years ago a loving father kissed his little boy and asked: "Tell me all about God before you grow up and forget!"

All our heaven is enshrined in this Christmas Day in God become a Little Child, and we best approach the throne of His Crib, if we have been kind to the least of His little ones.

The Divine Babe will wreath His lips in smiles for us if our hearts have been opened wide with generous gifts for His poor, and His Sacred Heart will be warm with blessings through the prayers of thousands of little orphan children in the Near East whom you have fed and clothed.

So we, too, have become little children, and we have not grown up to forget. "Unless you become as a little child, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

DOWNY PILLOW

The little Lord Jesus will find a pillow for His head in hearts made strong by sacrifice. Can you give two hundred dollars for the little orphanage of the Sisters of Our Lady of Zion in Jerusalem? Seventy homeless children see Christ in you.

"HOUSE OF BREAD"

That is what Bethlehem means. Ten dollars provides a food package. The smallest gift for "ORPHAN'S BREAD" makes Bethlehem real again for starving little children. At Cana, where Our Lord performed His first miracle we have an orphanage.

HAD HE NOT COME

We would never have had a picture of God, had Jesus not come. Can you give a special picture of the Sacred Heart to the Chapel of Our Lady at Caracosh, Iraq? It will cost fifty dollars.

CHUBBY HANDS

Chubby hands of a Baby God fondled a Mother's face. Years later, roughened with toil and red-dened for sacrifice, they held the chalice of the First Mass. In Christ's own land, Rolan Darminia, twenty years old, is a student for the priesthood in the Seminary of Beitzaia. Can you adopt him and give four hundred dollars needed for his four remaining years of training?

MANGER STICKS

Only a few sticks of wood, carefully preserved in the Church of St. Mary Major, Rome, are relics of Christ's manger at Bethlehem, but your Holy Mass devoutly heard on Christmas morn will be a sturdy manger for His coming. Your mite to the Shrine Chapel of St. Therese the Little Flower will help to provide another manger for the Prince of Peace in the Holy Land.

MARY'S MADONNAS

Don't forget those Madonnas of the Near East, our nuns. Your Christmas deposit in "MARY'S BANK" makes Mary your debtor. Those cloistered Carmelites at Changanacherry, India, deserve all our help.

VESSEL OF DEVOTION

The Immaculate Heart of Mary was a singular vessel of devotion on that first Christmas night, and your own can be an altar in a humble Near East chapel, which you may give for fifty dollars.

LAMBS TO SLAUGHTER

Innocent little children of the Holy Land were the first martyrs for Christ. Bishop Hakim there asks for many antimensia, those linen corporals containing relics of martyrs, on which the chalice rests during Mass. One can be given for ten dollars.

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Father
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Talking



The Baby Jesus



IMMY, one of my little nephews, is just learning to talk. Appropriately enough for this time of the year, he has just come through with his latest, namely, the words, "Baby Jesus!" Of course, being anything but an expert on such affairs, I have no idea what he will be learning to say next, or what course his thinking is expected to take "at this stage of development." His mother probably can give you all the information on that point. However, I do know that "at the present stage of development" he has the right idea of Christmas—he and thousands of other children. You couldn't sum up the idea of Christmas in any better way than to just simply say "Baby Jesus!"

No, he and thousands of other youngsters, do not yet know of the many other ideas surrounding this Feast of the Infant. They are entirely unaware of the necessity of sending out Christmas cards. They do not feel "hurt" or even care if no one sends them a greeting. It will take them awhile yet to become aware of the tremendous pell-mell of buying and selling that goes with the Christmas season. Little do they know of the millions and millions of extra dollars that suddenly begin changing hands around this time of the year.

They do not know why the streets and windows at home have all those different colored lights. (I do believe that they notice them.)

And they are scared to death of Santa Claus the first time they see him! They usually want to run and hide and then must be coaxed out of a corner or from behind the Christmas tree to come out and meet "Ol' Santa." It takes a lot of talking to get them to go up to that man in red with a big white beard and actually shake hands with him. They have no idea of what that stranger is doing in the familiar confines of the place where they play, sleep and eat. Their tongues stick to the roof of their mouths and their faces are blanched with fear and suspicion. They put their little hands out in the manner of one who really doesn't expect to get it back at all. The most eminent psychologist in the world would have to spend a lifetime in research and experiment with minds to even begin to know how to explain the relation between this phenomena and the "Baby Jesus!"

Contrast this, if you will, with the group of youngsters who can be found standing around the Crib between Masses or after services during the Christmas season. Especially if it is the first time. What a study in silent admiration and reverent wonderment is written upon their innocent faces! There is no fear here. The baby Jesus draws their gaze like a magnet. They are thrilled to know that the Lady garbed in blue is His Mother! And lovingly they gaze upon the magnificent, kindly man they are eager to know as Joseph, His earthly father to take the place of the One in Heaven. The kings, the shepherds, the animals—all must be explained and for once fond parents or older brothers or sisters are entirely familiar with their Catholic teaching and can give the answer. And the answer can be generally summed up in the words, "Baby Jesus!"

It is true that many unrelated customs have attached themselves to the celebration of the Feast of the Christ Child. Yet along with the observance of these we must bring ourselves around to the true meaning of Christmas. We are getting away from it. The world doesn't know it, but it is looking for the Christ Child more than ever this

Unless We Become As Little Children' ~~we~~ We'll Lose Meaning Of Christmas

THERE IS TOO A SANTA CLAUS!



It was a momentous occasion for these children from St. Ann's Infant Home, Washington, D. C., when they were received by Santa Claus at his temporary headquarters in a local department store. They will long treasure those souvenirs of their visit. The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and the many friends of St. Ann's will help Santa make it a very merry Christmas for their charges. Washington Daily News Photo. (NCWC)

Faith And Trust And True Love Found At Crib

BY THE REV. R. T. BULMAN

NE of the real joys of Christmas is seeing so many of our Catholic people visiting the crib, replica of the birthplace of Jesus, found in our parish churches from Christmas Eve to the Feast of the Epiphany. Take time to notice and you will see all sorts of people coming to pay respects to the Babe of Bethlehem. There will be school-boys scampering down the church aisle, kneeling quickly but quietly at the Manger, hurriedly taking in the whole scene from Tiny Babe to biggest ox: tiny tots, clutching tightly the hand of a daddy or mother, witnessing in wonderment for the first time the place where the Baby Jesus was born. Proper young ladies and serious young men, well dressed in smart clothes, will kneel intently at prayer to Emmanuel, God with us. Older folks, too, will be there, who have come repeatedly from their youth to adore their Lord God, here represented in all the impoverished splendor of Bethlehem.

And each of them carries away the joyfulness of the scene—Jesus, a God-man, a little Babe, lost in the manger's straw, tenderly watched over by a chaste Mother Mary and a strong but quiet foster-father, Joseph. No wonder all who come to the crib on Christmas Morn leave subdued, yet strangely joyful with the childlike joy of Christ, depicted for them in the Nativity scene. Yet should it not be so? Christmas belongs to Christ. It is His birthday. And birthdays are a merry time, a joyful time. Besides, Christ's birth links man to Heaven in a special way. It gives the answer to the meaning of man's existence.

A Childlike Joy

The joy of Christmas is a childlike joy. It gives gaiety and youth back to tired old hearts, wearying of the cares of life and the strain of sin. To young people, by nature buoyant, it gives new mean-

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1947 Of The Christian Era

THE Incarnation is not one amongst countless historical events. Jesus Christ enters history not as its chief event, but as its centre.

Since Jesus Christ came, history has two great divisions, B.C. and A.D. On Him hinges all that happened before He came, and all that has happened since He came.

No scientific generalization is the centre of history. We do not find the key of history in Gravity, or the Correlation of Force or the Indestructibility of Matter. Nor can we say of Plato, Alexander, Caesar or Napoleon: "He is the mid-point of History. The past prepared for him. The present is the fruit of his life work."

—Fr. Vincent McNabb, O.P.

Gospel Story

In The Midst Of Fertile Fields

By ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

THE voice of one crying in the desert—that was John the Baptist. And do you know what we need today? We need the voice of one crying in the midst of fertile fields—"make ready the way of the Lord; make straight his path . . ."

Yes, fertile fields in "no-priest-land!" Many city people have left the city to live on farms. Many rural Catholic families have found themselves living many miles from a Catholic church. Of course, the very devout make all kinds of sacrifices to get to church on Sunday, travel great distances in all kinds of weather. But unfortunately the spirit of many tends to weaken in the face of such handicaps. It is easy to say "I can't!"—and later, "I don't want to!"—and still later on, "I won't!"

That is the sad situation in many rural communities in these United States where there are no Catholic churches near, no resident priests to minister to the scattered Catholic families. And do you know what too often happens? The children of these families are influenced

by the Protestant children who are their companions. These Protestant children invite them to go to their church. The parents make weak protests, or none at all! And Catholicism is the loser.

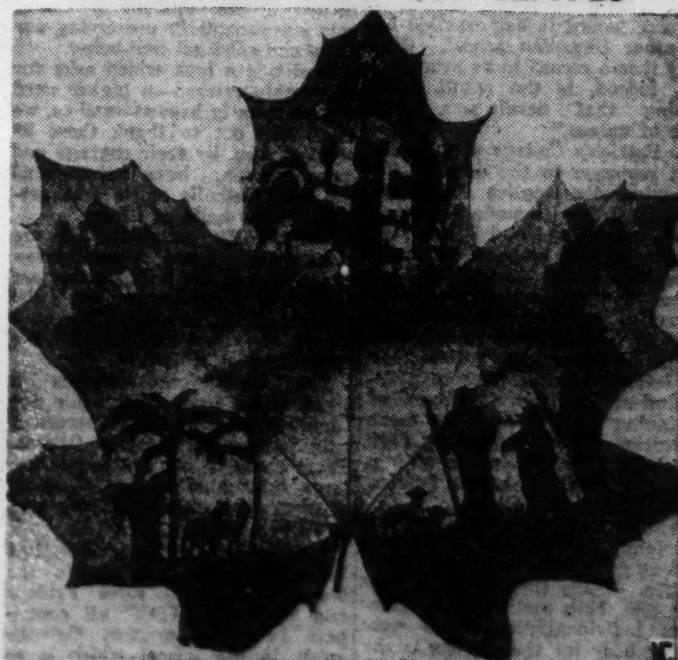
Yes, we are doing something to remedy this situation. We are building little mission churches in these isolated localities, and sending out good priests to minister to these people—to be the voices crying in the midst of fertile fields—"make ready the way of the Lord; make straight his path . . ." You see, I know whereof I speak, for I lived in "no-priest-land" myself! I have seen the fallen away Catholics and lived among them. I have experienced the hardships of long miles of ice and snow covered roads in winter, separating the isolated Catholic and his distant church. I have seen the little mission church established, heard the kindly voice crying in the midst of fertile fields—"make ready the way of the Lord; make straight his path . . ."—the voice that draws the fallen away back into the fold.

I have seen children all sizes

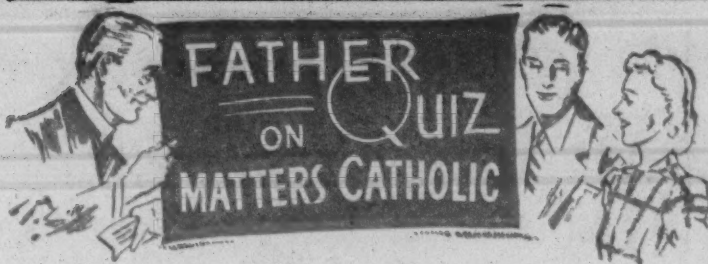
and ages (because of long absence from church) receive their First Communion, with such wonder and awe and happiness on their faces as to melt the heart! And I have seen the converts who also heard the voice of one crying in the midst of fertile fields, converts drawn from the countryside around the mission church. I have seen them—and am one of them!

Let us pray today for more missions and more messengers of Catholicism to be sent out into the rural areas. There is grave need for more missionary work right here at home. In today's gospel we have "the voice of one crying in the desert!" In today's life we need also "the voice of one—a thousand and one—crying in the midst of fertile fields!"

CHRISTMAS ART ON LEAVES



This Christmas scene worked on a leaf from the campus of Manhattan College, New York, by Brother Adrian Lewis, F.S.C., shows the Star of David shining on Christ the Light of the World, the trip to Bethlehem, angels in adoration after announcing the birth to the shepherds, and a scene from Palestine. In his leaf-etching, which he does with only the aid of a pin, Brother Adrian has a contour effect of the world and a map of the United States under the crib between the two woolly lambs. (NCWC)



If God knows at the time we are born where we are going after death, how can we do anything for ourselves when on earth? If this doctrine is not predestination, it seems to me to be very near to it. Can you give the answer?

The fact that God knows at the time we are born whether we shall be saved or lost does not mean that He predestines that we shall be saved or lost. Instead of anything happening because of God's foreknowledge, it is the other way around. He foreknows what will happen only because we ourselves decide how we shall use our free will.

Foreknowledge is not the same as predestination. Our weather bureau forecasts the weather, but their foreknowledge does not determine it. Rather weather conditions determine the knowledge they broadcast.

Put it this way, and it will probably be better understood: If you were to use your free will to act differently than you felt disposed to do, then God's foreknowledge would be different.

I hardly need to tell you that your will is free. You can go out this evening to have a good time or you can stay at home. If you decide to go out for a good time, God foreknows that you will do that, but if you decide to stay home, God's foreknowledge will be based on that decision of yours.

It is true that foreknowing that you will misuse your free will and lose your soul, God could have decided not to create you. But to blame God for the loss of your soul would be entirely unfair. With every day that you live you have an opportunity of repenting of your

past wrong-doing, and of doing the will of God in the future. The Son of God came down from Heaven for your salvation and left with His Church all the supernatural helps you need for the saving of your soul. If, despite all this, you will disobey God's Commandments, refuse to have the merits of Christ applied to your soul through the Sacraments, it will be your own fault.

There are many Protestants who actually believe that they are able to say at any given time of their lives: "I am saved because I have taken Jesus as my personal Savior by faith." There is no warrant for such belief. St. Paul said that even he, "a vessel of election," (Acts IX, 15) was not certain of his salvation. He says that his conscience did not accuse him of any sin, but that he did not, on that account, feel "justified." (1 Cor. IV, 4) He declared on another occasion that even while he preached the gospel of salvation to others, he himself might be a "castaway" (1 Cor. IX, 27). This is only because while we might be loyal and true to God today and our hearts overflow with love for him, we can offend tomorrow. Christ's Redemption made salvation "possible" for believers, but did not make it "actual," simply because we retain free will and can, even while "trusting in Christ as our Savior," violate His Commandments, and he tells us that "if you will enter into life keep the Commandments."

Churches In Germany Fight Common Enemy

IN Germany, where the Evangelical Church had long had the backing of the state in its opposition to Catholicism, it is today joining forces with the Catholic Church in opposition to Communism and irreligion—the common enemy of Christianity. Over here not only do high Protestant churchmen, who usually dictate the policies of denominational conventions, do little to stem the tide of Communism, but they are actually waging a bitter campaign against the chief defender of Christianity and of our Republic—the Catholic Church.

The following comment has just reached us through the C.I.P. service from Berlin:

Two striking examples of mutual aid between Protestant and Catholic Church authorities in Germany have given renewed evidence of the friendly relations which have developed between the denominations as a result of common persecution and resistance under the Nazis.

At Schoeneiche near Berlin, in the Russian zone of Germany, the Catholics, whose numbers have increased tremendously as a result of the influx of refugees from the East, had no church. An emergency chapel which had been set up in the basement of a warehouse belonging to a soda water factory proved entirely inadequate. When the Protestants, who had several churches in Schoeneiche, became aware of this, they decided spontaneously to reorganize their parishes in order to be able to offer one church building to the Catholics. The church chosen, the "Schlosskirche," was most appropriate because in pre-Reformation days it had been the church of a Cistercian Abbey. On Sunday, June 15, it was solemnly dedicated by Monsignor Karl Ullrich, acting on behalf of Cardinal Preysing, Bishop of Berlin. Monsignor Ullrich also celebrated the first Mass in the church, returned to Catholic worship after over 350 years of Protestant use. After Mass, a secular ceremony was held at which Pastor Heinrichs, representing the Evangelical Church, made a speech cordially welcoming the Catholics to the use of the church.

Another example, in which, on the other hand, Protestants were the beneficiaries, was revealed by

the Evangelical Press Service of Stuttgart, American zone. In the Goerlitz area of Silesia, which is now under Polish administration, according to this report, almost all Protestant churches had been seized by the Polish authorities and handed over to the Catholic Administrator, Father Scholz, "to use at his discretion for his own denomination." Father Scholz, however, according to the Evangelical Press Service, did not use this unsolicited "gift" in the way suggested but immediately put these churches at the disposal of the Protestant congregations which had owned them. He made no charge, says the report, and after long negotiations with the Polish authorities, was able to give them back to their owners. The consequence was that all Evangelical congregations and their ministers placed themselves under the legal protection of the Catholic priest.

Parents' Wedding Rings Make Episcopal Ring

An Episcopal ring made from the wedding rings of his late parents was given by his family to Bishop Louis A. Caillouet before his consecration as Auxiliary of New Orleans in the Cathedral here. The center stone is an amethyst, surrounded by 22 diamonds—one for each year of his priesthood.

'Remember Me'

Editor: May I make the same request as last year in your Our Sunday Visitor? A little reminder to the living to remember their loved ones who are no longer of this world by a little sacrifice to have a Mass offered, or other good works at Christmas time. Thank you. William B. Sweeney Morrisville, Penna.

Current Books Appraised

Ratings for Adults from "Books On Trial," edited by John C. Tully and published by The Thomas More Book Shop, 220 W. Madison, Chicago.

- FICTION**
- Angels in the Dust (Kossak, \$3.50) Favorable—meaty & scholarly
- The Bishop's Mantle (Turnbull, \$3) Doubtful Merit—portrait Prot. minister
- Came a Cavalier (Keyes, \$3) Favorable—international novel
- The Dry Wood (Houselander, \$3) Excellent
- TMBC**
- East Side, West Side (Davenport, \$3) Not Recommended—insidiously immoral
- Feast of the Jesters (Komroff, \$3) Not Recommended
- Fishers of Men (Van der Meersch, \$3) Recommended—novel of JOC heroism
- The Game Cock (McLavery, \$2.75) Very Good—Irish short stories
- The Garretson Chronicle (Brace, \$3) Distinguished
- Gus the Great (Duncan, \$3.50) Not Recommended
- BOTM**
- It Was Mary (Nash, \$2.75) Very Good
- TMBC-CBC**
- The Judge's Story (Morgan, \$3) Distinguished
- Lardners & Laurelwoods (Kaye-Smith, \$3) Good with Reservations
- The Living Wood (deWohl, \$3) Good with Reservations
- The Missionary (Spencer, \$3) Not Recommended—false philosophy
- Nothing So Strange (Hilton, \$2.75) LG Fair with Reservations—confused philosophy
- Peter Abelard (Waddell, \$3) Excellent with Reservations
- Proud Destiny (Feuchtwanger, \$3) Disapproved—misleading & immoral
- Red Plush (McCrone, \$3.50) Satisfactory family chronicle
- BOTM**
- Silver Fountains (Mackinder, \$2.50) Very Good
- Somewhere the Tempest Fell (Herbst, \$3) Doubtful Merit—faulty philosophy
- Tamarack Tree (Breslin, \$3) Doubtful Merit
- Therese (Mauriac, \$3) Very Good psychological study of murderess
- Vespers in Vienna (Marshall, \$2.75) Very Good—with mild reservations
- BOTM**
- A View of the Harbour (Taylor, \$3) Doubtful Merit—false philosophy
- Viper's Tangle (Mauriac, \$3) Excellent
- When the Mountain Fell (Ramuz, \$2.50) Excellent
- BOTM-TMBC**
- The Woman Who Was Poor (Bloy, \$3) Very Good—but not for the timid

- SPIRITUAL**
- The Christ of Catholicism (Graham, \$4) Very Good
- The Contemplative Life (Julianus, \$2.50) "Ancient Christian Writers" translation
- Dominican Life (Joret, \$3) Very Good—esp. for Dominican tertiaries
- The Eternal Quest (O'Connor, \$4) With Reservations—debatable in places
- For Thee Alone (Beutler, \$2.50) Good—esp. for Religious
- God and Mammon (Mauriac, \$1.50) Very Good—on ambivalence of Cath. artist
- Jesus, Son of Mary (Sheen, \$2) Excellent—Juv. story of Our Redeemer
- Light Amid Shadows (Regnat, \$2.75) Good—esp. for Benedictines
- Life That Is Light (Goodier, \$4.50) Very Good—for those seeking sanctity
- Love of God & Cross of Christ (Garrigou-Lagrange, \$4) Excellent
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The American Christmas

THE Christmas story is a child's story; and it is only with the heart of a child that the Babe in the manger, the visit of the shepherds, the exaltation of the angels will leave its imprints on the hearts of men.

The child's utter helplessness is too much for the wise of this world. It can be revealed only to those who have the simplicity of the shepherds, the humility of the kings who came bearing gifts, recognizing a king greater than themselves.

We are still enacting the drama of Bethlehem, a drama reflected in our Christmases all over the world. We are enacting that drama in America. In the sanctuary of our homes the joy of that first Christmas night is realized in many ways. In an unbroken chain of customs and traditions we are linked with the Christmases of other years. Like a great symphony, our Christmases re-echo the original melody, expanding and developing it as its message is realized in our lives.

Our forefathers kept faith with this great past and brought to America the practices which for centuries had grown up around the Christmas legend. Crackling fires, lighted candles, the yule-log, evergreens, bright berries, caroling, feasting and merrymaking—all are a part of the Christmas tradition. All are a part of the customs of many countries which have been brought to America.

Since the discovery of the New World Christmas has played a dominant role in American life. The first voyage of Columbus to the New World brought him to the northern coast of the island of San Domingo on Christmas day, 1492. It was the awakening in him of the wonder of fresh discovery mingled with the dedication to the Child who made this day, this first Christmas in America, possible.

He named the fortress and surrounding village La Navidad, meaning the Nativity. The following year the first Christmas Mass was celebrated on American soil. After Columbus, a long procession of discoverers and settlers continued to come to America, bringing with them all that had enriched their Christmases.

Pioneering and settling this country was never too big a task to prevent the observance of Christmas. The Pilgrims celebrated their first Christmas on board ship. There is an account of it in the annals of Captain John Smith: "It was indeed a sorry Christmas we spent on board; we made the best cheer we could."

We are indebted to the Dutch for preserving for us the many customs that are now observed in the eastern, middle and western states. We possess few customs of our own, because we are a nation of many nations. Lawrence Hutton says that "our Christmas carols appear to have come from the Holy Land itself; our Christmas trees from the East by way of Germany; our Santa Claus, from Holland; our stockings hung by the chimney, from France or Belgium; and our Christmas cards and verbal greetings, our yule-logs, our boars' heads, our plum puddings and our mince pies from England. Our turkey is seemingly our only real contribution."

From this rich background of customs and traditions students have borrowed, too, and celebrate Christmas in their own way. There is always the caroling around the



campus, about town and in the hospitals. There is the preparation of Christmas baskets for the poor, the exchange of gifts, the formal dinner party, the candle-lighting ceremony where the symbol of the Light of the World is made alive for students. All take part in the festive spirit.

But this festive spirit is meaningless if it is not centered on the Birth of the Child. For Christmas without Christ is empty. To understand only our Christmas customs and traditions is to fail to grasp the whole of Christmas in America. There remains for everyone the spirit in which we participate. And we have lost some of that spirit. We observe the letter and pass over and reject the Spirit that quickened the hearts of the shepherds and compelled the angels to burst into song.

We have sacrificed our Christmas to a commercial world and the world has cashed in. The reality of Christmas fades away as we become more and more involved in the buying of gifts and the material preparation for this event. We have a spontaneous "good fellowship" feeling which lasts the Christmas season and then is put away with the tinsel and the tree ornaments.

Yet the reality of the re-birth is as much for us of the twentieth century as it was for the kings and shepherds who first experienced the joy of being born again. "It is only by being re-born . . . that our joy is made full."

Sodality Constant In Expansion

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youth groups in Ottawa.

In 1942 the group here at SPC was molded into the Sodality Union of Ottawa, which included the three Catholic Convents in Ottawa. The Sodality Union has again been enlarged this year to include all Catholic students even those attending the public High Schools.

The members and directors of the Sodality Union of Ottawa hold one supreme idea, "that souls are lost or saved in recreation." With this thought in mind we plan our socials and activities, and pick out the best means by which Catholic boys and girls may meet one another; and by so doing help to prevent mixed marriages.

A few of the Sodality's accomplishments over the years are: An annual Military Mass, an annual Communion Breakfast on St. Patrick's Day; the Sale of Catholic Christmas cards throughout the homes of Ottawans; sponsoring of a Christmas Crib in one of the shopping center stores; regular socials; a weekly Benediction; and last but not least the Fatima Devotion on the First Saturday of every month.

Thus we see that the youth in the High Schools of Ottawa are not asleep, and we hope and pray that they will continue to build a better Catholic Ottawa.

We're A Very Busy Outfit!

BY DON WATSON

WE have a Camera Club. We have a good Camera Club. In fact we're quite proud of it. You don't have to take our word for it. This is what POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY said in July, 1944:

"Few educational institutions have evidenced the tremendous interest in photography found at St. Patrick's College in Ottawa, Ontario."

The Club was founded in November 1936 by Father Leo Divine, O.M.I., who is still acting as our Rev. Director. He has been assisted by Father Melvyn Campbell, O.M.I., since the latter joined the staff in 1942.

Many of our photo activities are planned and carried out jointly with two other local Catholic High School Clubs—Immaculata and Notre Dame, both girls' schools.

The annual program includes a special series of Beginners' Classes in the Fall, our regular monthly General Meetings at which we frequently have outside speakers, Winter photo outings, Studio Nights, The Spring Photo-Picnic and our annual Salon in May. This last item is the highlight of the year for the Club. More than a hundred 8" x 10" mounted prints are hung in our Auditorium. This event draws a large number of visitors.

During the school year the Club provides instruction and a broad program of photo-activities. In our Studio and two well-equipped Darkrooms a dozen members can be accommodated at one time. One Darkroom is kept for Press work only. The more advanced photographers from the ranks of the Club, handle most of the school's photographic requirements which include the regular needs of THE PATRICIAN—our monthly publication.

Members are given definite photo-assignments at stated times during the year and they are required to carry these through the complete photographic process from taking the pictures to mounting the finished prints. On the basis of equipment available, club membership is limited in number and we usually have a waiting list.

We're a very busy organization. Now if you'll excuse us, please.

Faith And Trust

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ing to laughter and song. For Christ has come into the world 'to save and not to destroy.' Youth sees no danger and fears no sorrow when he understands the joy of possessing Christ. Young children the better understand the joyful simplicity of Bethlehem's scene. For Jesus is their Baby-God who loves them through life and forever after in Heaven.

Is it so strange then to call to mind Christ's words, "Unless you become as little children" when we contemplate the scene of His birth in our parish churches? The joy of Christmas inspires us to exercise our faith in childlike belief in all the eternal truths of God and in the teachings of the God-man through His Church. The little boy shouts in angry or boastful retort to his playmates, "How do I know?" "I know because my daddy says it is so." That is enough. The joy of possessing Christ comes to us when we simply repeat, "I believe because God my Father says it is so."

"Unless you become as little children . . ." Trusting belongs to childhood. Little Peggy goes for her first ride on the ferris wheel at carnival time. And she is not a bit afraid, no matter how high in the air she goes. "Afraid!" she laughs confidently, with her daddy with me. He won't let anything happen to me." The trusting confidence of childhood! What Christ wants from us. And at the crib at Christmas it is easy to abandon ourselves to Him. There, it is easier to forget yesterday's sin and tomorrow's temptation. Because Christ's birth reminds us that He came into the world to bear the burden for us all.

Sharing with others the things one cherishes is a very essential ingredient of the virtue of Charity which is Love. And Love's true meaning comes quickly at the manger scene. The Babe of Bethlehem gives proof that God became man in order that man might become more like to God: God suffers the humiliation of being created man in order that man might attain the eternal splendor of Heaven. The Babe of Bethlehem is the perfect Lover, giving Himself entirely for man. Here is personified the God of Love, loving all created things. And only the childlike can understand Him. The little boy who does not yet know the meaning of hate or prejudice will play and share his toys with the black boy and the Jewish boy. Neither will he think twice about it. His is a simple love. He has a God-like love for the world, unstained by selfishness. Thus at the crib comes back to us the lesson of Christian Charity, the Love of God. To love God for what He is and His creatures as ourselves for His sake is the simple, childlike meaning of Christ's love.

At Christmas and all through the year little bells of gladness will cheer up our heavy hearts, and boundless thrills of youth will make us children again if we but come to witness the scene of our Savior's birth with simple faith and trust and love. For unless we become as little children we cannot understand the meaning of the Birth of Christ in Bethlehem's crib.

There Just Isn't Room!

BY DOUG ROCHE

BACK in October when we started planning this page, the ideas for articles about different phases about our school life came so thick and fast that we had to call a halt and sadly declare: "Wait a minute! Wait a minute! They don't want a book about SPC."

We wanted to tell the millions of O.S.V. readers just what Canadian youth think and do; we wanted to tell you about the visit two Princes of the Church paid our school last fall, about Father Lord's last trip to Ottawa, about our student-conducted assemblies, our up-to-the-minute science laboratories, our 150 Resident Students and their organizations, our Famous Doran Trophy presented to each year's most outstanding student, about the other prizes and awards for excellence in school activities, our bowling league, basketball, skiing, tennis and swimming teams, commencement exercises, and especially

about the fact that SPC was among the leaders in the results of last June's Ontario Departmental examinations, but, unfortunately, there just isn't room!

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YOUNG LADIES!

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The Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory (formerly known as Missionary Catechists) offer an opportunity to young women to serve the cause of the missions here in their own country in certain areas of which vast numbers of Catholic children have not the advantage of a Catholic school. The Sisters establish themselves at some center, from which they go out every day in automobiles to instruct children at various points within a radius of twenty or thirty miles.

During part of the day they visit the homes where Catholic children, hitherto neglected religiously, live, and, while enlisting them in their classes, prevail on their parents to take a more active interest in their faith.

The Missionary Sisters are reaping wonderful results in the states of California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Texas, as well as in the central states. They are urgently needed in Hawaii, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, and other possessions of the United States. All territory under the American flag is regarded as their field of work.

This is the Silver Jubilee Year of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory, and they expect the largest class of Candidates or Postulants they have ever had.

If parents are opposing you, remind them that it is risky, and tell them that there is no surer way of getting the blessing of God back home than to permit you to follow the call of Christ in His vineyard.

All Sisterhoods need recruits, but if you are interested in the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Victory, write to Mother Catherine, Victory-Noll, Huntington, Indiana.

Today's Author

THIS delightful Christmas essay is by Martha Finke, a senior at St. Mary's College, Holy Cross, Ind., and appears in the Christmas issue of Concord, the new national student magazine. In the same issue is an original Christmas carol with music by Miss Finke, and words by Finvola Drury, entitled Christ A-Borning. The Christmas Madonna is by Padraic O'Brien.

St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, Canada...

A Vital Part Of Ottawa's Catholic Youth

Education With A True Meaning

BY JOHN GRACE



THESE words are not a mere factual report of the history and activities of St. Patrick's College; they are concerned rather with the general aims and purposes of this Catholic college and high school.

St. Patrick's is unique inasmuch as it is a Catholic institution; it is conventional both in its adherence to the ideals of Catholic education and in their practical application. Because this page has recorded many school "case histories," this outline deals with the more fundamental aspects of education and in stating the aims and purposes of St. Patrick's, states also principles, because they are principles, common to all Catholic schools.

The preface to the Calendar of the Faculty of Arts contains the following paragraph which neatly sums up the ideal to which this institution strives:

"The proper function of a university is not to supply merely specialized training, but to develop truly sensitive and flexible intelligence, that can be brought to bear effectively on the problems of the individual and of society. Such an ideal requires not only the superstructure of a precise and systematic knowledge in some particular field but also a solid basis of fundamental truth. Religion and philosophy form the most essential part of true education for these two disciplines develop critical keenness of mind, intellectual responsibilities and a mature sense of values. The person possessed of these qualities will combine a really firm judgment with a sympathetic understanding of attitudes other than his own; he will distinguish the light of true reason from appeals to emotion or to prejudice; and he will be able to express himself with accuracy and elegance."

In its brief history (it was founded in 1929), St. Patrick's College has trained men who have been successful not only in particular professions, but who have contributed in very real measure to Canadian society and to the preservation of that society.

Of nearly one-half of its total alumni who were members of the Canadian armed forces during World War II, 86 were killed in action. While exact figures are not available, it is believed that this war record is not excelled by any other Canadian school. Certainly it is a record to be proud of. This, indeed, is the result of a training that develops a "true sense of values."

St. Patrick's College was founded in response to the demand for an exclusively English institution of study in the Canadian Capital. It was established and is operated by the English Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Though its name implies only university training, St. Patrick's has a high school department that boasts a higher registration than the college section (630 to 150). A student has the advantage of continuing his studies in the same institution from first year high school until he graduates with a degree in Arts, Commerce, Science or Social Science.

College and high schools are completely autonomous as regards student government and school activities. While they share a common aim, both sections are vigorously individualistic. Head governing body for the College is the Students' Union while the high school is ruled by the Student-Activity Association. Specific activities as the school paper, the Sodality and the Camera Club are responsible to the whole student organizations.

This has been a summary of the aims and purposes of St. Patrick's College plus a brief outline of its

Canadian Students Edit Page



Shown above are the guest editors of St. Patrick's College for this page. First row, left to right: Doug Roche, the Rev. J. B. Zachary, O.M.I., Ronnie Lewis, the Rev. J. H. Conway, O.M.I., John Grace. Second row: Bernie Benoit, D'Arcy Van Dusen, Owen Kealey, Tom O'Gorman, Don Watson and Jose Angueira. (Inset) St. Patrick's College, Ottawa, Canada.

59 SPC Students Heed 'Follow Me'

BY DOUG ROCHE

SINCE its birth 18 years ago, 59 graduates of St. Patrick's College have responded to Christ's invitation, "Come, follow Me," and have joined the army of God.

Now, we at SPC salute these soldiers of Christ, stationed from as far east as Rome to the West Coast of Vancouver Island in British Columbia, who, like their comrades in Canada's fighting forces, have carried the reputation of their Alma Mater around the world.

We salute them, not in a triumphant, glorious manner as we hailed our fighting men but rather in a quiet, dignified way befitting their high state in life. Of our soldiers of Canada, especially of our 86 alumni who gave their lives in the recent conflict, who defended our bodies and material goods, many words have been written and spoken, but little glory has been attached to our soldiers of Christ who are constantly preserving our souls and spiritual well-being.

Theirs is a task which asks for no earthly reward—a higher need awaits them in heaven—and so, we take time out to thank those 59 soldiers who, by their courage and determination, have exemplified the true Catholic spirit that prevails in the halls of SPC.

Of the 59 religious, 32 are priests and 27 are in seminaries. Thirty-five of the total number are Oblates of Mary Immaculate (who conduct this school), 13 have joined the seculars and 11 are claimed by other orders.

The Oblate Scholasticate is eight miles from SPC while the Oblate Novitiate of St. Theresa is only forty miles west of Ottawa. There many of our graduates continue their studies in that spirit of piety which they first captured at SPC.

Daily Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Devotions, private visits to the Memorial Chapel, First Fridays and "Vocation Week" all contribute to build up that Catholic spirit in our school which is so necessary to produce Catholic leaders the world cries for.

history and a general description of its internal organization. Elsewhere on this page are detailed accounts of particular activities which play a vital part in the life of men.

Group Started Fatima Devotions

BY LARRY MACKAY

DURING the terrible and troublesome years of the first World War a magnificent Lady of wondrous beauty appeared to three little shepherds at Fatima, a small town in Portugal. She revealed that she was "the Lady of the Rosary," our Blessed Mother, "who had come to warn the faithful to amend their lives, to ask pardon for their sins and to recite the rosary." Our Lady requested that on the First Saturday of five consecutive months the faithful should:

- (1) "Confess and receive Holy Communion.
- (2) Recite five decades of the Rosary.
- (3) And keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.
- (4) With the intention of making reparation to me."

Our Blessed Mother promised that "if my requests are heard Russia will be converted and there will be peace."

After a thorough investigation of the facts, circumstances and miracles in conjunction with the apparition, the Pope declared it authentic and the vision was called the apparition of "Our Lady of Fatima."

Devotions to Our Lady are rapidly spreading throughout the world and gathering many new followers. Yet, despite its growth, present day history is proof that it has not been sufficient to attain the desired conversion and subsequent peace.

Realizing that to achieve these ends the promises and requests of Our Lady must be more widely known, our Sodality has accordingly undertaken to practice and help propagate these teaching in inaugurating in Ottawa the Fatima devotions.

Under the leadership and direction of Rev. J. H. Conway, O.M.I., the Sodality's efforts towards the conversion of Russia and the attainment of peace, take the form of regular attendance at monthly novenas is requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

Realizing that the prize is so great and the price so small we, as Catholics, should direct all our efforts towards this goal.

Sodality Constant In Expansion

BY BERNIE BENOIT

BACK in those dark, dreary days of 1940-41 a blood-thirsty tyrant was etching his sights on the controls of the world. A call went out to all young men to join the army, navy and air-force so that Canada could organize against this daring despot.

On a parallel scale was the case at St. Patrick's College about the same time. The Catholic students attending the high school, then had no organized spiritual or social activities. They were like lost sheep in a wolf's den, the fangs of sin closing in on them from all sides. Therefore the senior students, with Rev. H. J. Conway, as their leader, put their heads together and came up with that banner idea, "The Sodality of Mary Immaculate." They could have picked no better.

May we say in passing, that from that day to this, the Sodality has been functioning with the same Father Conway as its Moderator. He has always been an inspiration to its members and is in main responsible for many of the great advances made in the Sodality life of Ottawa students.

In the spring of 1941 the Sodality was formally brought into being by that renowned International Sodality leader, the Rev. Daniel Lord, S.J. He was assisted by Father Lyons, also from that hotbed of Sodality life, St. Louis, Mo.

From this honorable beginning the Sodality at St. Pat's has grown into one of the leading

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A Farm System All Our Own

By OWEN KEALEY



IT'S nothing new for high schools to act as farm teams for the professionals, but it is news when a high school has its own farm system both in football and hockey, as we have here at St. Pat's.

In football there is the "Little Big Four" named and modelled after the teams in Eastern-Canada's famous "Big Four" league. These well-coached, well-equipped teams are composed of young grid aspirants, in their last year at separate school or in their first years here and who tip the scales at not more than one hundred and twenty-six pounds. They pack Sunday afternoons with thrills for their enthusiastic spectators who include "Big Four" stars, who drop around to see how their namesake's are doing.

When a boy dons his first green and gold jersey to represent an interscholastic team from St. Pat's he is not trotting out to his first football game for he is a seasoned veteran of many football wars of the Midget League.

In order to give young pucksters a chance to play all the hockey they want, St. Pat's sponsors Bantam and Midget teams in the City League. Thus, when they come of age to play in the Junior City and Senior Interscholastic leagues they know many of the fine points of puck chasing. Proof that this system pays off is seven Senior Interscholastic championships in the past nine years and three consecutive Junior City championships in the past three years.

We are proud when we follow our alumni along the trails of professional sports. It's nice to know that "Rip" Riopelle and Johnny Quilty are stalwarts with "Les Canadiens" in the N.H.L., and that Les Anning and Phil Maloney are sparking the Cataracts of the Quebec Senior Hockey League. We are also proud of the fact that a great number of former SPC grid-men are on the local entry of the Big Four.

Loyal Irish rooters always support their teams no matter what berth they hold in the league standing. We are just as proud of a losing squad as a winning one, for we know that it takes just as good a team to lose as well as to win.

Ode To St. Patrick's

BY LAWRENCE DONEGAN

ST. PATRICK'S! You try to print in every youthful scholar's heart Your motto, "Religion is the nourisher of art." Glories of learning and strength pass with each passing day. Swiftly flies life and with life mortal honors pass away. This you realize and your sons are ever told, What use is hallow honor and cold mortal gold, What gain have they if they attain ambition's wildest goal And suffer the gross misfortune to lose their immortal soul. How many youths aided by the guidance freely gained from thee Have heard and answered Christ's beseeching call, "Come, follow Me."

Dedication

ON behalf of the students of St. Patrick's College, we, who have contributed these articles, would like to dedicate this page to the Oblate Fathers of SPC to whom must go all credit and thanks for the fruit of the years, months, days and hours of training and energy they have expended in teaching their students to be true Catholics and proud citizens of Canada.

Fiction

Peace To Men Of Good Will

BY MARY ROSE STANKO



RUTH was tired. Terribly tired. Not only did she ache physically in every muscle in her body, but there was a lump in her throat, so big she had not been able to swallow food for several days.

She leaned against the door sill, a broom clutched disconsolately in her hands. Some distance down the road a donkey with a rider was being led by a man toward the inn door. Ruth shook her head. There was no room. So many, many people were in the inn. She herself had been turned out of her room and now slept on a mat in the kitchen. The cook slept there too, and the water boy, and the stable boy. She did not mind the uncomfortable quarters. If only she knew where David was.

She guessed she was fortunate to have work at the inn. Her sister's husband had treated her and David well all the years of her widowhood. If only the Roman Legion had not come through. They, with their red and blue tunics, and plumed helmets—and boasting tales. Their stories were enough to turn the head of any fourteen-year-old, and David, her only son, had followed them. A whole year had passed since David had slipped away quietly one day, telling only the stable boy what he had in mind.

"A serpent's fang is less sharp than an ungrateful child," Ruth had said. In the beginning she had been certain he would return any dark, windy night. But the nights and days had slipped by one by one, until now a whole year had passed, and there had been no word of her son. Gossip said that the Romans were on their way to Jerusalem; then rumor said they were proceeding to Alexandria; and some even said they were bound for far distant Rome. As the days stretched on, Ruth's anger departed and she feared for her son. He was very young, and untutored—and all she had in the whole world.

While Ruth stood lost in reverie, dusk fell, and the donkey and two travelers rounded the far corner of the inn, obviously to inquire for accommodation.

Now she saw them approach her, coming through the yard. She was amazed to see that the traveler on the donkey was a woman. A very young woman—and she was,

yes, she was heavy with child. She smiled gently at Ruth as she passed.

While Ruth stared the couple with the donkey proceeded to the stable and the man helped the woman through the lower door.

What foolishness was this? It had been the Romans who had ordered Herod to have all people registered. That young woman should have been at home, biding her time peacefully, not jogging over the countryside on a donkey, and then sleeping in a stable. Ruth shook her head and continued to lean in the doorway.

Darkness came on quietly and the stars started shining down. Suddenly, in the East, Ruth noticed a huge star. Its light shone clear and bright and it seemed to cast a glow around the stable. She could not remember ever having seen that star before. Its light was wondrously brilliant.

Ruth wondered. These were unusual times. She could not understand all that took place—why people had to be registered, for instance.

The short respite from work had refreshed her and she grasped her broom and went indoors. She needed rest. Tomorrow's duties would be heavy again.

The stable boy, the water boy, and the cook were already asleep on mats in their respective corners, and soon Ruth too drifted off to sleep.

Suddenly she opened her eyes. She must have been asleep for hours. There was muted sound outside, as though several people were walking by. Ruth listened

intently and thought she heard the soft cry of a lamb. The others in the room did not rouse, and Ruth lay quiet. An hour passed and again there were definite sounds of passersby. Ruth went to the door. Sure enough, three shepherds, their staffs in their hands, with several lambs and a dog scampering at their feet, were passing out of the inn yard. Where had they been? Clearly at the stable. But why?

Day was dawning and the cocks crowed. The animals in the stable were stirring too. The stable boy stretched hard on his mat, arose and rolled it up.

"Good day," he smiled at Ruth as he passed out of the house.

The others stirred too, and there were unmistakable signs that all inn was rousing.

Soon the stable boy came rushing back.

"A Baby was born in the stable last night," he cried. "A beautiful Baby! A Boy! Never have I seen such a Child!"

Ruth smiled at his enthusiasm. He was only twelve.

Then her thoughts switched to her own son. Again fear for him rose within her. Where was David? He was so headstrong. There was no predicting his actions. Perhaps the Romans had killed him. The tightness in her throat was nigh unbearable. Almost blindly she wielded her broom.

For days Ruth went about her work in a half daze. She was practically oblivious to the talk about her. The Child born in the stable was on the tongues of all men.

The shepherds told that an angel of the Lord had told them where to find the Child. They had been watching their flocks by night, and the angel had appeared before them and said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people; for this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the City of David. And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger." Then a multitude of angels had appeared, praising God and singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." The shepherds had found the Infant even as the angels had told them.

Never had there been such a child. He was more beautiful than any boy ever born. Although only a newly born infant, He seemed to have the intelligence of a small child.

"He is the long promised Messiah! He is destined to be King of the Jews," people said. Not only the shepherds on the night of His birth, but other men too were paying homage to Him. Almost all the guests at the inn found their way to the stable, and when they returned therefrom they seemed more quiet and without fail spoke of the Child with reverence.

Mary was the Mother's name. The consensus was that she was lovely and wondrously kind. Her husband, Joseph, was much older than she. He was ever courteous and helped Mary a lot. A good man. Men did not willingly assist their wives, yet Joseph sought for ways to be helpful.

Days slipped by unnoticed by Ruth. The little Family in the stable were quiet and unobtrusive. People still talked about them and wondered about the Child.

In due time the Child was circumcised and called Jesus.

None of this took place within the orbit of Ruth's realization. Although she heard the talk about her, it did not actually penetrate into her consciousness.

Those about her began to sense that Ruth had withdrawn within herself, and her sister especially sought extra duties for her, hoping that performance of them would rouse Ruth.

Finally one day her sister requested Ruth to carry a dish of ripe dates to Mary in the stable. Obediently Ruth took up the dish and walked with bent head through the inn yard.

Joseph, on the path to the well with a water jug, greeted her pleasantly. Ruth went into the stable and proceeded to the far stall, where the little Family lived. She saw Mary and handed the dish to her, saying the innkeeper's wife had sent it.

Mary thanked her, and then asked, "Do you not wish to see my Son?"

So gentle and kindly was her

demeanor that for the first time in days Ruth roused herself, and replied she would indeed like to see the Baby.

Mary smiled, and pointed to the manger. Ruth turned and there she beheld the Child.

He was wide awake. Bits of conversation that had sounded around her came alive in Ruth's memory.

He was beautifully formed. He did seem much older than his few days. His wide open eyes regarded her solemnly, and Ruth was drawn toward Him.

She dropped to her knees in front of the manger, and instinctively reached out her arms to Him.

"Hold Him, dear, a little while," said Mary.

Tears came to Ruth's eyes, as she reached gently into the hay and lifted the Child into her arms. All the dormant happiness of her own maternal experience came alive. She caressed the Child and made soft little cooing sounds to Him.

Jesus continued to regard her. His tiny fingers curled round her workworn thumb. Then a lovely light came into His big, wide-open eyes, and He smiled at her without restraint.

The pain in Ruth's breast melted like snow. The restriction in her throat vanished. Peace possessed her whole being. Happily she cuddled the little Jesus.

After a little while, the eyes of the Child closed and He went to sleep nestled in her arms. Happiness coursed like warm milk through Ruth's veins.

She placed Him back in the manger and tenderly tucked the covers around Him. She spoke a few words to Mary, then bid her goodbye and started to walk out into the mellow, golden afternoon sunshine.

As she was about to step out through the stable door, a man with a spear in his hands walked through. Then another. Ruth stepped quickly to one side.

The men were strong, well armed servants. They stood guard at the door.

Very shortly three men came into the stable. From their dress and manner Ruth knew them to be of royal blood. The three men

went to the far stall and talked to Mary and Joseph, the latter having meanwhile returned with a full jug of water.

Then they went to the manger and dropped to their knees, paying homage to the little Jesus. Ruth could see that they presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Again they turned to Mary and Joseph. Since they showed no disposition to leave, and, because Ruth could not hear their conversation, she slipped out through the door.

Outside the stable Ruth halted abruptly, and stared in unbelief. On the bench under the fig tree in the yard sat a familiar figure. "David!" she cried.

The figure turned.

"Mother," he said, and ran toward her.

David was a man now. He dropped to his knees at her feet and raised her hands to his lips.

"My own mother," he said.

Happy tears rained down Ruth's cheeks.

"My son, where have you been?" David led Ruth to the bench under the fig tree, and told her all that had happened to him.

Love of adventure had prompted him to follow the Roman Legion. He had gone only as far as Jerusalem, however. There he had gone to the palace of Herod, and run errands for the servants and done all else that had been requested of him. By chance he had drawn the personal attention of Herod himself one day, and eventually had been appointed a minor servant of the king.

When the three men from the East, who were then in the stable paying homage to the Child, had asked for assistance in finding Him at Herod's palace, Herod had sent them on their way, requesting them to return after they had found this Child; he wished to know where he too might go to pay his respects.

After the wise men departed, Herod had secretly sent David to follow them.

David was of the opinion that Balthazar, Melchior and Gaspar were in danger of their lives should they return to Herod. Without question the Child too was in grave

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SPORTSCASTING

By Jim Costin

MIKE GOLDEN is a 16-year-old student in St. Regis school, Denver, Colo. That in itself isn't unusual, of course, except that in Mike's case it is; most unusual. Mike was hit below the belt in infancy when he developed a crippling paralytic condition. He'd never walk again, and he'd never have much use of his arms again, either, they said.

Parents Never Gave Up

But Mike's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Golden, didn't believe everything they were told. The father is a Denver city fireman, which is evidence enough that he isn't the kind of a fellow who can be balked when confronted by a tough job. And he and his wife most certainly had a tough job right there in their own home in a paralyzed youngster.

Well, young Mike's parents went to work. They massaged their son's ailing muscles, they gave him exercises, they did everything to restore his health that the love and devotion of good Catholic parents can do. Gradually, as if almost miraculously, they saw their long and arduous labors begin to bear fruit; not much fruit, of course, but enough to convince them that if they'd just keep up their back-breaking, tireless efforts in their son's behalf, he might some day be like the other boys of his age. Maybe not as big and strong, but able to get around on his own, anyhow.

About a month ago Mike was 16. He had made such progress by that time that he was able to attend classes at St. Regis, and keep up with the others. Not physically, but in all other ways. When Mike's birthday came around someone told the Denver newspapers about it. It was apparent that if the story of Mike's courageous battle against paralysis became widely known, many other parents would take heart and profit by the example of Mr. and Mrs. Golden's successful efforts in behalf of young Mike.

Wanted To 'Pass Like Lujack'

When a reporter for the Rocky Mountain News, during the course of his interview with young Mike, asked him what he'd most like to do, Mike replied:

"To pass like Johnny Lujack."

Mike's arms, as a result of his illness, are a little bit withered, or undeveloped, and not very strong, so you can see the significance of his answer to the question.

Someone clipped the story out and sent it to Lujack at Notre Dame. The story naturally moved the young Irish star deeply and he immediately sat down and wrote to Mike. He praised the youngster for his courage in the face of almost overwhelming odds, and wound up by saying that he (Lujack) was the one who should take Mike for an example, instead of the other way around. It was the kind of a letter that a boy like Lujack would write.

Well, when Mike received the unexpected letter from Lujack, he thought that everything had happened to him then; he was just about the happiest kid in the country. But the nice things were only starting for Mike. When the Denver papers carried the story about Lujack's letter, the Denver chapter of the International Footprinters Association got busy. The I.F.A. is a social organization of police departments.

The Denver police officers got in touch with Lujack and wanted to know if it was possible for him to come to Denver as their guest to meet young Mike. That was hardly feasible under the circumstances, but Lujack thought of another idea. When the Notre Dame squad was going west en route to its final game with Southern California in Los Angeles, why not meet Mike somewhere along the route?

Mike Meets Johnny At Cheyenne

A good idea, the Denver officers agreed, so they decided to take Mike to Cheyenne, Wyo., where the Notre Dame train was scheduled for a 15-minute stop on the afternoon of Dec. 4. The Colorado state police provided the cars for Mike and his party, because by this time the news had spread and there were no less than seven newspaper photographers, as many reporters and broadcasters from two radio stations who wanted to be on hand when Mike met his friend Lujack.

Of course, practically everybody on the train knew what was going to happen at Cheyenne and when our train pulled to a stop all of us piled off to be on hand for it. It so happened that Mike and his Denver friends were standing near where I alighted, and I immediately asked which one was Mike. They introduced me to the red-headed youngster and as I was chatting with him I saw Lujack get off the train two or three cars down the platform and start back for Mike.

Mike's back was tuffed, so I told him Lujack was coming, then stepped away so I wouldn't interfere in any manner.

"How are you, Mike?" Lujack said, extending his hand.

Mike shook hands, his lips quivered and he couldn't say much by way of reply. Lujack had to swallow hard for a minute or so, too, and so did a lot of others standing around, including a few hard-bitten police officers and quite a number of rugged football players. If you could have seen the look in Mike's eyes you would understand better what I mean.

Well, finally they got squared around, and Lujack introduced Mike to Coach Leahy and all the players. Then they fished out a new ball from Notre Dame's equipment. It was autographed by all the coaches and players, and the train pulled out all too soon.

Sat On The N. D. Bench

But before the train pulled out, one of the Colorado state police asked Coach Leahy if he could get Mike a ticket for the game if they'd bring him down.

"If you bring him to the game," the coach replied, "he'll sit on our bench with Lujack and the rest of the players."

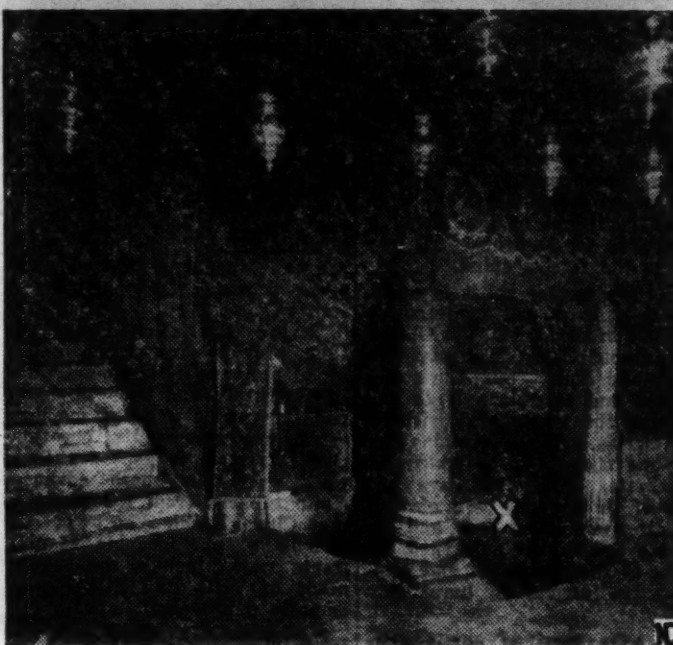
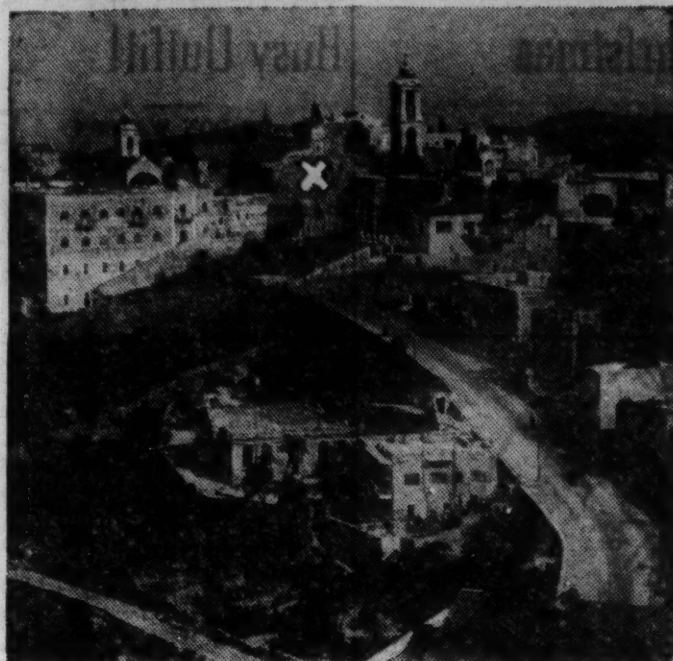
Understand, young Mike didn't know anything about that at the time, but when they got back to Denver the officers told Mike's parents about it, and the parents agreed to let him make the trip by plane. He arrived in Los Angeles the day before the game and was met at the airport by two Los Angeles officers who are members of the International Footprinters.

They had a little dinner party for Mike, took him through some movie studios, introduced him to several of the stars, and the next day drove him out to Memorial Coliseum, then told him where he was going to sit.

If it was the thrill of a lifetime for Mike, it was certainly a thrill for the players, too, to have that courageous youngster sitting there with them in the climactic game of their 1947 season. I don't know whether Mike's presence had anything to do with the final score of 35-7, but I'm pretty sure it didn't hurt any.

And when Lujack left the field for the last time to end his college career, the all-time record crowd of 104,953 gave him a thunderous heart-warming ovation that came from friend and foe alike. But I have a hunch that the only pair of clapping hands that Johnny could hear were those two pounded together as vigorously as possible by a crippled boy who had experienced the satisfaction of having had his childhood dreams come true.

THE PLACE OF THE MANGER



In this new view of Bethlehem, (above) the artist has marked by a cross the location of the Basilica of the Nativity, between the two bellfries. (Catholic one at the left). It is the bells of the Catholic Church here which are heard around the world on the radio at Christmas. The lower level of the Grotto of the Nativity (below) contains the recess (X) which long held the Manger, the wooden pieces of which are now in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. The natural rock is covered with marble slabs, lighted by lamps and adorned with paintings of the Adoration of the Shepherds. It is in exclusive Catholic possession. Copyrighted photos by Albina Bros., Jerusalem. (NCWC)

History Writers In Action

BY TOM O'GORMAN

SINCE its first publication in 1934, the "Patrician" has risen to the status of the official high school monthly organ of St. Patrick's College with the constant support and encouragement of the student body and faculty.

The aim of the "Patrician" has always been to provide a channel for student expression, encourage clean sportsmanship, lead and influence student opinion, and, to a degree, to provide entertainment. Finally, the "Patrician" has endeavored to publish the school news—and thus preserve a record of school history.

A brief summary of the material published in the "Patrician" shows that it has fulfilled to a great extent its initial objective. Each activity is duly represented through a regular column. School news of general interest comprise the news articles published and personal columns provide the humor so necessary to entertainment of its readers. Since sports play a major role in the development of St. Pat's youth, the "Patrician" naturally devotes considerable space to the recording of sports activities.

True value of anything can never be fully realized at first glance. This is particularly true in the case of a high school paper such as the "Patrician." Its real value lies in the record it preserves in its articles of school news of school history.

Where, but in the pages of the

"Patrician", trimmed in spirit with the glorious green and gold, could there lie a better record of the battles won and lost on the gridiron and the ice? Of the victories and defeats, joys and sorrows so significant in the life of our school?

To conclude a most important chapter in our history, though a crimson one, where could there be a more fitting memorial, than the name, brief history, and assurance of our prayers, to the 86 members of S.P.C. who gave their lives for God, for Country, and for College, in World War II?

The "Patrician" is proud to be the leader, the builder and the voice of the student body. It is proud that it has a means to form in the minds of the students the high ideals of Catholicism. Finally it is proud to be the official historian of its Alma Mater for what better history can there be than that written by those who make it.

Marriage Bonuses In Argentina

A bill to provide marriage bonuses for government employees has been introduced in the Argentine congress. Employees earning less than \$125 a month would receive three months' salary as a bonus; those earning more would receive a lump sum of \$375. When both husband and wife are government employees, the bonus would be doubled. In any case a couple would be obligated to refund half the bonus if they did not produce a child within two years. — Family Life.

Father Conroy Talking

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Christmas. It is looking for the Light and the Peace which can come only from Christ. With the millions of little children whom we will accompany to have a look at the Crib this Christmas let us gaze upon the Nativity once again in prayerful thought. Let us brush away at least for a moment all of the other distractions that have surrounded the celebration of this glorious Event. Let us allow our minds and hearts to become as those of "little children" again and thus bring ourselves and a sin-weary, war ridden world to the feet of the only One who counts—The Baby Jesus.

With the above in mind, for myself and the Editors of OSV and the Youth Section, I want to wish you all, "each and every one," a Merry Christmas.

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Music by mail was originated by a young Ohioan named David Kemp, one time engineer, salesman and newspaper man. Prompted by his own boyhood experience in picking out tunes, Mr. Kemp founded the now famous U. S. School of Music in the late '90's. The school grew rapidly.

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With Every Birth The World Can Take Hope!

BY ALBERTA SCHUMACHER

It was snowing hard now. People came in with their overcoats white with the big wet flakes. They left soggy tracks on the linoleum with their wet overshoes. Christmas Eve! Doc Bailey looked closely at the weary faces of his customers. Something was wrong with people. This was the night of the Great Birth and yet the spirit was missing. People spent money in his drug store, sure. All week long he had to keep two extra clerks besides Dick and Jane, the regulars. But still they were not happy. Doc glanced at the headlines in the evening paper. Hostility between nations! Bitter words! Hints of new wars to come!

"Good evening, Doc, and merry Christmas to you!"

"Oh, good evening, Father. A merry Christmas did you say! I wonder. Something is wrong, Father! The people—they are not filled with the joy of the spirit. The world—not yet has true peace been born!"

"We need great leaders to lead us to true peace! Great leaders are born into the world even as Jesus was born to Mary on that first Christmas night!"

"Great leaders!" Doc echoed. "Yes, With every birth the world can take hope! Perhaps this baby is the one who will grow up to lead the world aright! Think it over, Doc!"—and he looked around the store meaningfully.

When Father John had gone Doc pondered his words—"With every birth the world can take hope!" He turned his gaze hastily away from a prominently displayed ad for contraceptives hiding under the nice term, "feminine hygiene!" But when he turned, another brand on the other side of the store stared him in the face! "With every birth the world can take hope!" Doc felt hemmed in. Every direction he turned a corner of contraceptive devices of one kind or another met his eye. Christmas Eve! He could hear the church bells in the distance. He looked at the tree with its colored lights, and then at the picture of the Madonna on his new calendars—and suddenly he knew what he must do! He moved swiftly clearing shelves, taking down cardboard ads, and when he was all through he dialed a number.

"I thought it over, Father, what you said about 'With every birth the world can take hope!'—and I understand my part in the scheme of things now. I've clean-



ed house, Father—and—Merry Christmas to you!

Here Is A 'Ave Maria' Family

THE Schlegels of Rogers, Minnesota, can very properly call themselves the "Ave Maria" Family. The initials of the children's names work out as follows:

Adelaide
Vincent
Evangeline

Margaret
Angela
Romana
Ivo
Arman

All the children were educated at a considerable sacrifice in Catholic grade schools and academies. Two of the girls are trained nurses, and Vincent, after going through the war as a pilot, came home unscratched and married a convert. "We pray the rosary every night," writes Mrs. Herman Schlegel; "there would be something wrong if we missed it. We never fail, either," she continues, "to call upon nine different saints every day. In that way we have nine novenas going all the time. This is how we work it: Each day of the year is a saint's day, and that day concludes a novena in his honor; but, in turn, we pick one up that very day and so start a new novena. We have been doing that every day, now, for almost twenty-six years."

Peace To Men Of Goodwill

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danger. Herod knew the people referred to him as King of the Jews. Herod would harbor no pretender to the throne of king.

While Ruth and David sat and talked, the three wise men emerged from the stable, and disappeared into the gathering dusk; not on the road to Jerusalem, but toward the East from whence they came.

"Indeed," said David, "they are worthy of the title 'wise men' bestowed upon them. May they reach their own lands safely!"

"And now, Mother, I too must leave; to go into hiding for some time."

David went on to say that he had no intention of ever again returning to Herod's palace. His desire to see the world was more than satisfied. Ruth agreed with him that it would be prudent for him to leave Bethlehem and suggested that he go to his dead father's people in Hebron. She would follow him in a few weeks. Together they would manage to earn a living. David assented to all his mother said.

Several nights later, after David had rested, and his mother had washed and mended his garments, Ruth watched her son disappear on the road south to Hebron.

Then her eyes turned toward the stable.

That the wise men outsmarted

him had angered Herod exceedingly. Rumors were rife that he was seeking revenge on the Child.

Even as she watched, Joseph came quietly out of the stable with the donkey. He helped Mary, the little Child Jesus in her arms, to mount the donkey, and, after securing a small bundle on the animal's back, he himself picked up a bundle at the end of a stick, grasped the animal's bridle in his other hand, and led the donkey toward the road.

Ruth stepped out of the shadows, and asked them where they were bound.

"We must safeguard the life of Jesus," said Joseph. "We go to Egypt to escape the wrath of Herod."

Ruth went quickly and quietly into the inn, and gathered some loaves of fresh bread into a clean cloth. Then she ran after the slowly jogging donkey and thrust the bundle into Joseph's arms.

"Take thou this bread," she said. "The journey is long. My sister would not wish Mary and thee to know hunger."

Mary and Joseph thanked her gravely. The Child Jesus was awake in Mary's arms and in the starlight He smiled at Ruth. Ruth patted lovingly the little Child, and bid the Family godspeed. Soon they disappeared into the darkness.

Ruth returned to the inn. She knew in her heart that Jesus and Mary and Joseph would reach their destination safely.

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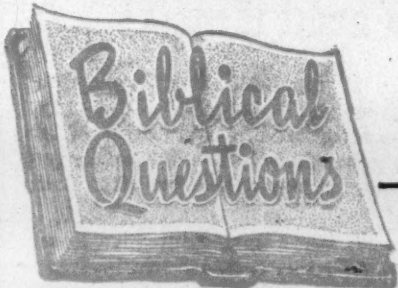
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Humility stirs in our souls. It is sweet to bend our knees and to bow our heads before You, Divine Babe!

Peace and rapture are radiating from your beloved Mother. Adoration and love envelop the hearts of Mary and Joseph as they gaze into your tender baby face knowing all the while that innocence cloaks majesty, helplessness camouflages eternal strength and power, while Infinite sweetness thinly veils a God's mighty mercy to men of good will!

We too feel at peace. Dimly we perceive the Beauty that the Immaculate Mother beholds in unclouded vision. With Joseph we find companionate sympathy and. Little Jesus, we yearn to give You hospitality, to share our warm houses and to open wide our hearts that you may dwell in them this Christmas and for all Christmases in time. Humbly and trusting we pray that we may be with you in an Eternal Christmas.

Welcome, Jesus. Welcome!

In the presence of Jesus and while praying to Him for all blessings for each of you, our cherished friends and devoted readers, we wish you a most happy Christmas.

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I saw a stranger yestereen,
I put food in the eating-place
Drink in the drinking-place,
Music in the listening-place,
And in the blessed name of the Triune
He blessed myself and my house,
My cattle and my dear ones,
And the lark said in her song,
Often, often, often,
Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.
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I want men to look into My Face.
I want men to clasp My Hand,
And tell to Me their every plan.
I want them to let Me take part
In their lives. Keep Me in their heart.

I want your souls, men, I want them so.
How much I love you! Oh, you surely know!
I want your souls! They cost a great price.
Won't you give them to Me,—the Infant Christ?

Venite Adoremus

By Margery Cannon

She was the human chalice
Delicate and fine.
He was the Infinite Substance,
He was the Wine.

She was the voice that angels
Very often heard.
He was the sound unspoken,
He was the Word.

She was the slender taper
Enfolding Him that night.
He was the Flame eternal,
He was the Light.

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Our Lord's Visitors

By Margaret Mary Schuck

"They came with haste," Luke ii. 15
"Falling down they adored Him,
and they offered Him gifts," Matthew, ii. 11.
Over a dark and stony hill
The hurrying shepherds ran
The first of all the visitors

Three kings across the desert sands
Their finest presents bring—
Three more visitors
For Christ the King!

On Christmas night and Christmas day
When the big church fills,
Hurrying, like the shepherds
Hurrying over the hills,

We will be His visitors,
Treasures we will bring
To God made a Baby
We offer everything.
(From "Gospel Rhymes" Sheed & Ward.)

Why Do They Do It?

By Margaret Mary Schuck

I wonder why they do it?
Why do they celebrate
The birth of one who in their eyes
Is neither brave nor great?

When they talk of not believing
That He is their God—their King,
Why do they say "Merry Christmas,"
And bother their gifts to bring?

It all seems so much folly—
Buying expensive things
Like gifts and ees and holly
Unless He's the King of Kings!

A Thought For Christmas

By Donald W. Leathers

What does Christmas signify
Beyond its gifts and tinsel tree?
Why do its magic spells not die,
Its joy and peace just ceases to be?

Well, it commemorates the Birth
Of God's Son Who was sent
To win all hearts upon this earth,
Full-weary with a life ill-spent.

Beyond all human ken we see,
God's boundless love for you and me;
Renouncing awful majesty,
He comes to us—a small Baby.

Our Mighty Captain is a Child;
Lord, of all, He's poor and weak.
Our Judge, He comes in mercy mild;
To win our love He's, oh, so meek.

Then, let us feast with gratitude,
When Yule-tide has begun;
For all we hope with certitude
Comes through Mary's Son.

With All My Love

By Frances Angermayer

(letter to Jesus from Mike)

Dearest Jesus: I know that Mom
wouldn't let me,
So I didn't tell her I mailed You
this note, You see.

I know Your Birthday would be
here soon
And I wanted to tell You that I'd
make room

For You. Jesus, I'll let You sleep
in my bed.
And give you a big soft pillow for
Your Head.

I'll let You play with my very
nicest toy.
You see, Jesus, I too, am a little
boy.

I'm goin' to get a baseba'l, bat,
and a train, too.
We'll have the nicest time—just
we two.

Big folks are so busy—they might
rush by.
But don't feel bad, Jesus, don't
you cry.

'Cause I'll give You anything You
like.
We'll have lots of fun. With all
my love, Mike.

Bye-O-Baby

(Dedicated to our Little Ones by
"Marg" and written for Mary
McGill's Page)

Bye-O-Baby, bye
Angels watch on High;
Our home God does bless,
With your sweet caress,
Bye-O-Baby, bye.

Loo-lie, loo, loo-lie,
Mary's blue in your eye;
Like her Babe in His crib,
You have made this a home
Just the same as He did,
Loo-lie, loo, loo-lie!

Bye-O-Baby, bye,
Loo-lie, loo, loo-lie;
Our sunshine, our love,
Heaven! From A-bove!
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Things to Read and Discuss

Jesus, Son of Mary by Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen—\$2.00, The Declan X. McMullen Company, Inc., 225 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y.

In words beautiful the author tells stories of the birth of Jesus, of His boyhood, of His Mother, and re-tells some of the stories told by Jesus Himself. Of these, latter stories the Monsignor reminds: "Jesus told stories better than anyone, and every story tells us how we ought to live." Thus he warned never to brag; not to forget to thank; not to hit back, but to show kindness and give love. From Bethlehem to the Crucifixion and through the joys of the Resurrection the active runs . . . This book about Jesus, Son of Mary, is exceptionally well illustrated, both in color pictures and in black and white, by Raffaele Bonomi. There are so many of

these visual attractions it might almost be called a picture book, but it isn't just that, for the stories are exquisitely done in the word-witchery and vibrant heart messages characteristic of the distinguished author.

It is to be regretted this beautiful book for juveniles . . . come off the press a little late for many Christmas shoppers. But the theme is of year-around interest and of eternal concern. The Publishers are to be congratulated in having captured Monsignor Sheen's first juvenile.

Harper & Brothers, 49 East 33rd Street, New York City, N. Y.

It is close to time for trimming the Christmas tree, but even so, some of Harper's lovely picture and storybooks for children must be listed before the big D.Y. arrives. All of these books are available in the secular bookstores and the list will be a boom to late shoppers for gifts to children. You won't make a mistake in choosing any of the following:

But Not Billy by Charlotte Zolotow—\$1.75.

Illustrated by Lys Cassal, this charming story of Billy in words and pictures will make a little one's eyes wide with joy.

Moustachio by Douglas Rigby—\$1.50.

This is the story of Monsieur Jambon and of his dog Moustachio. Boys will like this one. It is gay and the illustrations are in bright colors, and done by Roger Duvisin. The boar bristles and looks quite ferocious. Plenty of hunting and guns!

The Sleepy Little Lion by Margaret Wise Brown—\$1.75.

There are 24 pages of photographs by Ylla, which give visions of the little lion, and of his little dog friends, of a kitten, of two bunnies, of a little girl, and of a little boy. Children will be delighted with the pictures and by the story as Miss Brown tells it.

The Bird by Janette Sebring Lowrey—\$2.00.

This book will charm children. It is the story of the journeyings of a bird from Brazil to Labrador. It reveals the ecstasy of the songster; it describes his danger; it introduces people, cats, and mice. Children will learn something in this story (unaware that they are being taught care of birds and love for the feathered creatures), and they will be thrilled by the pictures done by Carlos Merida. A charming gift, this!

The Tall Book of Fairy Tales by Eleanor Graham Vance—\$1.00. Illustrated by William Sharp.

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Food Is Called Germany's Most Urgent Need

Fr. Brosnan Urges Urgent Measures To Stave Off Starvation

Newark, N.J., Dec. 15.—(NC)—Urgent measures to alleviate the critical food situation in Germany were advocated by the Rev. Vincent J. Brosnan, assistant executive director of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, in an address at a German Relief Rally at St. Mary's Church here. The assistance needed by Germany is beyond the capacity of private agencies, he said, and only the United States Government is in a position to render effective aid.

All Germans, not only workers, should receive more than the present daily ration of 1,500 calories, Father Brosnan said, thus enabling them to maintain normal work schedules and support themselves. Supplying the Germans with sufficient food would also increase their self-respect, permit them to reestablish their economy and thus have a stabilizing effect on the neighboring nations of western Europe, he added.

To bring about an improvement of the present situation in Germany, Father Brosnan declared it advisable to set up a civilian administration for the work of reconstruction and to remove the price ceilings that were established by the Nazi regime and are still in force.

Food is more important than currency in Germany today, Father Brosnan explained, and hunger beclouds the political perspective of its victims. He warned, however, against sending food packages to private individuals, unless they are relatives or persons well known to the recipients of appeals for aid.

The present situation, aggravated by the worst drought in 100 years, is so serious that there is danger of widespread epidemics which might even affect the American troops stationed in Germany or spread to this country's Atlantic seaports, Father Brosnan warned.

In conclusion, he explained that American aid to Germany, quite apart from moral considerations, would be advantageous even from a strictly business point of view, since this country would benefit from the improvement of economic conditions in Germany and western Europe.

The New Jersey branches of the Central Verein and the Catholic Women's Union, which sponsored the meeting, have contributed about \$65,000 for German relief during the past year.

Four Brothers To Teach In Dacca

Notre Dame, Ind.—Four Brothers of Holy Cross, recent honor graduates of the University of Notre Dame, have been assigned to teach in schools of the Diocese of Dacca, India.

The missionaries, who will serve under Most Rev. Lawrence L. Graner, C.S.C., Bishop of Dacca, are: Brother Hobart Pieper, C.S.C., Springfield, N. J.; Brother Martinian Wilson, C.S.C., Natchez, Miss.; Brother Ivan Dolan, C.S.C., Waterloo, La., and Brother Fulgence Dougherty, C.S.C., Sioux Falls, S. D.

St. Louis School Girl Wins Magazine Award

Chicago, Dec. 15.—(NC)—Besting the essay efforts of hundreds of contestants in Catholic high schools all over the country, 17-year-old Patti Trapp, a student at St. Joseph's Academy in St. Louis, became the grand award winner in the third "Teen Board Competition" sponsored by Extension, Catholic magazine published here. Miss Trapp's reward will be an all-expenses trip to Chicago, a week's work in Extension's editorial department, a round of entertainments and interviews with celebrities, which will be made sometime next August. Miss Trapp previously had been selected as one of seven guest editors of Extension on the basis of competitive contributions.

The Bishop's Chat

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you—and that is the chief reason why you should be determined to oppose him—if you are to cut off your relationship with him, and tie yourself fastly to God.

Merriment that has no relationship to the significance of the day celebrated is altogether out of place. Christmas is named after Christ; in fact it is also named after the "Mass," which the priest is permitted to celebrate three times on that day: (1) to commemorate the eternal birth of the Son of God; (2) His birth here on earth where He was to live as in a place of exile for thirty-three years to make an atonement for our sins; and (3) His birth in the hearts of the people who, like the Magi, come to Him with gifts of faith and hope and love, and "fall down to adore Him."

During the week between Christmas and New Year's the Church celebrates important and very significant feasts. For instance on December 26 she honors St. Stephen, who was the first to give up his life for Christ; on the 27th, Christ's beloved Apostle, St. John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved"; on the 28th the feast of the Holy Innocents, so classed because they, as babes under two years of age, were innocently slain by Herod in the hope that the Babe Jesus would be among them.

Then observe Christmastide with the Church and let that be your preparation for the reception of the big blessing for the New Year, which is so soon to follow.

Sincerely in Christ,

*John Francis Noll
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Aquinas Library and Book Shop Notes

South Bend—To many of us the Liturgy of the Church is synonymous with the Sacrifice of the Mass—and yet how many of us really assist at Mass mindful of the Liturgy as members of the Mystical Body of Christ?

The latest Encyclical of Pope Pius XII exhorts us to a fuller appreciation of the Liturgy through use of Missals at Mass. "In the Mass we find the heart of the Liturgy and the Heart of Christ," said John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis, in his forward to *The Liturgy of the Mass*, a translation by Rev. Frederic C. Ackhoff of Dr. Pius Parsch's book. Each part of the Mass—The Collect, The Canon, The Preface, etc., forms a chapter in which the history and significance of each part is set forth.

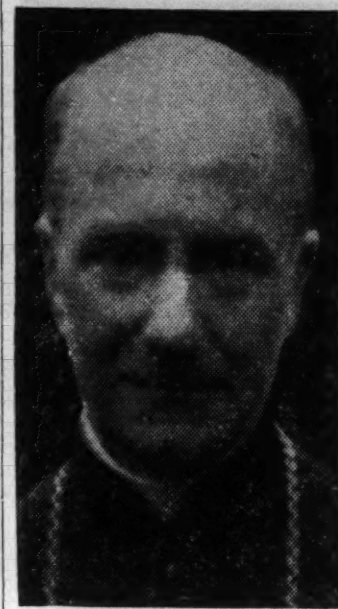
Speaking of How To Pray by Mary Perkins who has the happy understanding of the mind of the ordinary Catholic is a guide book for the laity in living a truly Catholic life in the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Liturgical year. The book is a demonstration of how we can harmonize what we do with what we know.

Rev. Joseph A. Jungmann, S.J., is a recognized European scholar of the Liturgy, and his book, *Liturgical Worship*, is a historical inquiry into its fundamental principles. It offers a deeper understanding of the Holy Sacrifice and the Breviary.

The Splendor Of The Liturgy by Maurice Zundel brings home to us with startling clarity the realization of how much spiritual living is lost in casual assistance at Mass. Every part of the Mass, everything used, all the Liturgical things that surround it are revealed as a mystery to be lived by each participant.

Cardinal Petit De Julleville Is Dead At 71

Archbishop Of Rouen In France Was Hero In Two World Wars



Pierre Petit de Julleville
Archbishop of Rouen

Rouen, France, Dec. 15.—(NC)—His Eminence Pierre Cardinal Petit de Julleville, Archbishop of Rouen, French hero in both World Wars and one of the seven French members of the Sacred College, has died here at the age of 71. With his death, the number of Cardinals has been reduced to 61.

Cardinal Petit de Julleville was named to the Sacred College on December 23, 1945. Last year the French Government awarded him the Cross of the Legion of Honor in recognition of his courage during the World War II occupation and the bombardment of his See City. For his work as a front-line chaplain in the first World War he was given the Croix de Guerre.

The prelate was born in 1876 in Dijon, son of a professor who later taught at the Sorbonne and wrote a highly-regarded history of French literature. He studied at the Seminary of St. Sulpice in Paris, and after ordination in 1903 he was assigned to the Paris archdiocesan teaching organization. He became director of the College of the Holy Cross at Neuilly.

He entered army service with the outbreak of World War I, at the age of 37. His outfit was the famous Colonial Division. At one time he miraculously escaped death when a shell hit the chapel in which he was saying Mass and killed a number of people around him. On another occasion he was severely gassed; a bronchial irritation resulting from this troubled him for the rest of his life and made preaching difficult.

He returned to educational work after the war. He was chosen Bishop of Dijon in 1927. Nine years later he became Archbishop of Rouen, where some of the most picturesque and historic cathedrals and shrines in Christendom were under his jurisdiction.

When the German invaders reached Rouen and Normandy in 1940, Archbishop Petit de Julleville gave orders to his priests that they could not leave their churches until all the parishioners were gone. He himself stayed at his residence in Rouen until after the Germans had put the torch to the city.

The prelate defied the occupation authorities on numerous occasions and steadfastly refused to accede to the urging of the German-controlled press of Rouen that he condemn the Allied bombing of the city. When liberation came, he joined with General Charles de Gaulle in public prayers for the deliverance of Normandy from the Germans.

Hour Of St. Francis On WOWO Weekly

Fort Wayne—Announcement has been made for the renewal of the series "Hour of St. Francis" on WOWO and WOWO-FM at 9:45 to 10:00 p. m. every Sunday. In observance of the Christmas season a special story will be heard on Sunday, December 22nd.

Priest Godson Of Kit Carson Notes Diamond Jubilee

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 15.—(NC)—Father Joseph Samuel Garcia, who had the famous scout Kit Carson as his godfather in baptism in Taos, New Mexico, away back in 1859, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination in ceremonies at Holy Trinity church here today. Two Archbishops and three Bishops were present to honor the octogenarian who is the oldest diocesan priest in Colorado. For the last 26 years Father Garcia has been chaplain to the Sisters at Mount San Rafael Hospital here. He still walks corridors, climbs the stairs, and disdains the elevator facilities and has more bounce in his step than many a young man.

He began his priestly career in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in 1887, four years before the present Archbishops of both Santa Fe and Denver were born. In New Mexico he held assignments in Las Vegas, Pena Blanca, Cochiti, Santo Domingo and San Felipe. In 1894 he became pastor at Castilla and began to take care of San Luis, Colorado as a mission from Castilla.

In San Luis he began a school which since has become Mercy High School and the San Luis public grade schools. He also constructed chapels in San Pablo, Chama, San Acacio, San Francisco and San Isidro. In 1896 he became pastor of San Luis and remained there until his transfer in 1921 to the local hospital.

Eire's Abstinence Groups Rally Forces To Halt Liquor Consumption

Dublin, Dec. 15.—(NC)—To meet the challenge of an increased consumption of intoxicants in Ireland, total abstinence groups are rallying their strength and taking concrete steps to put an end to this evil.

One group, the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart, claims a membership of 360,000 adults, or more than ten per cent of the country's three million people. At its annual meeting in the Irish capital here, at least 1,000 delegates were turned away because of lack of room. The 6,600 delegates who came to Dublin had to be accommodated at two separate meeting halls where sessions were held simultaneously.

The annual report of the spiritual director of the organization stated that there are now 1,357 centers of the association in Ireland, an increase of 58 over last year. He also reported an increase of 46,749 members within the year.

It was announced that Archbishop John McQuaid of Dublin had given his approval for the publication of a monthly magazine by the association. The first issue of magazine, to be known as *The Pioneer*, will appear this month.

Deploping the increasing consumption of liquors in Ireland, speakers at the annual meeting asserted that the number of saloons in proportion to the population is Ireland than in any other country in Europe.

Catholic Nurses Choose Executive Secretary To Open Central Office

Washington, Dec. 15.—(NC)—Miss Anne V. Houck, director of Nursing Service at Maumee Valley Hospital, Toledo, has been appointed first executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Nurses by the organization's executive committee, it has been announced. A central office of the nurses' council will be opened at the National Catholic Welfare Conference here shortly after the first of next year, according to the announcement.

Miss Houck, a registered nurse, is a graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, Toledo. She served as treasurer of the National Council of Catholic Nurses from 1941 to 1944, was elected president in 1944 and reelected in 1946. She is currently a member of the Ohio State Nurses Board of Examiners and is active in all professional organizations and in community projects.

National Catholic Council Formed For Resettlement

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sors will be secured for displaced persons from Europe to be resettled in specific communities in this country where job opportunities may be available to them.

"As part of its responsibilities the National Catholic Resettlement Council will undertake a large educational program for the purpose of enlightening the people of the United States as to a better and clearer understanding of their responsibilities in meeting this great international humanitarian problem.

"The United States has traditionally maintained a broad humanitarian interest in the problems of persecuted people and therefore must maintain interest in the displaced persons of Europe. We are now asked to do our share in cooperation with other countries in providing homes and work opportunities for displaced persons.

"In all its activities the Council will work hand in hand with other groups interested in and working on the resettlement of displaced persons. The Council regards the problem as one that concerns all people of America and one in which all people should be interested and in whose solution they should share."

Among those attending the meeting were Bishop William T. Mulloy of Covington, President of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference; Msgr. Howard J. Carroll, General Secretary, National Catholic Welfare Conference; Msgr. John O'Grady, Secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, and the Rev. Joseph Toomey, President of the latter organization.

Other organizations represented at the meeting were Slovak Catholic Federation of America; Ukrainian Catholic Committee for Refugees; Bishop Baraga Slovene Catholic Relief Committee; Croatian Refugee Committee; United Lithuanian Relief Fund of America; and American Relief for Poland.

Notre Dame Students To Raise \$35,000 In Relief Campaign

Notre Dame, Ind.—The University of Notre Dame student body has set a goal of \$35,000 to be raised as its contribution to a nation-wide Student Relief Campaign to help foreign students who are suffering as a result of the war. Needy students of all creeds in many war-weakened countries will be aided.

The campaign is the largest ever to include the 4,800 students now attending Notre Dame. The \$35,000 goal is expected to be reached by Ash Wednesday, February 11, 1948. Proceeds from dances, entertainments and other student affairs will be given to the fund, and each individual Notre Dame student also will be asked to make a personal contribution.

The campaign, sponsored by the National Federation of Catholic College Students, and sanctioned by Pope Pius XII has as its honorary chairman in the United States the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

Catholics Elected To Top Offices In Swiss Parliament

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—(NC)—The offices of president of the Swiss Staenderat, corresponding to the U.S. Senate, an vice-president of the Nationalrat, equivalent to the U.S. House of Representatives, have been given to two prominent Catholics for 1948.

President of the Staenderat will be Dr. Alforz Iten, a 48-year-old lawyer, who has been a member of that legislative body since 1945. Joseph Escier, a 62-year-old lawyer, was chosen Nationalrat vice-president. Born in the Canton Valais, he leads the Swiss Catholic conservative party and has been a member of parliament since 1925, with one interruption of four years.

Jesus Makes Our Souls His Crib When We Welcome Him In Holy Eucharist

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obeyed anyone! He comes even to the unworthy, should they be rash enough to present themselves. He has allowed Himself to be snatched from His tabernacle and profaned in the vilest imaginable ways, all without protest. And that immolation of His will began on Christmas Eve.

It was then that He laid aside His glory, emptying Himself of His divinity, as St. Paul puts it, that He might be our example of humility. The heavenly court surrounding Him is invisible. The radiance of heaven is dimmed. Can this be the Ancient of Days, seen by the Prophet Daniel, with His garments white as snow, the hair of His head like clean wool, His throne like flames of fire, thousands ministering to Him, ten thousand times a hundred thousand standing before Him?—this tiny child?—charming, but so weak... This is infinite humility!

But the Word of God was made flesh that it might ultimately be made bread. The Eucharist represents a step still deeper in the degrees of humility. In Bethlehem, Our Lord drew a veil over His Godhead; but in the Blessed Sacrament, He draws the veil still farther, until it covers now not only His Godhead but His sacred Humanity as well.

Cardinal Newman once preached

on "Omnipotence in Bonds." The Almighty God, an infant! The Almighty God, a particle of bread!

All Persons Are Brothers In Christ

In Bethlehem He lay on borrowed straw beneath a roof that had been loaned only for the season—Jesus Christ, the King of kings Lord of lords! In the Eucharist, He depends on the good-will of others to provide the wine and altar breads, the sacred vestments, the linens, the candles...

At His birth, He welcomed the adoration of His devoted Mother and St. Joseph, the shepherds, the Magi, entirely overlooked and ignored by the bustling millions outside. In our Blessed Sacrament there is that same Catholic quality about our adoration: the rich, the great ones of earth, kneel with the Magi, while the poor and the middle classes kneel with the shepherds. All distinctions are leveled, all are brothers in Christ at the Communion railing—while outside, the millions hurry by, intent on serving God in their own way, giving not a thought to serving Him in His way.

Jesus Shares His Divinity With Us

Emmanuel: "God with us." Beginning at Bethlehem, He has never left and will never leave the

The Catholic Radio

MBS, The Family Theater program, 10:00 p.m., EST, every Thursday, including WGN, Chicago, 9:00 p.m., CST. By transcription on other stations at other hours. Consult your local paper for time.

ABC, "The Greatest Story Ever Told," 6:30 p.m., EST, every Sunday.

ABC, American Broadcasting Co., "The Hour of Faith," every Sunday, 11:30 a.m., EST.

NBC, National Broadcasting Co., "The Catholic Hour," every Sunday, 6:00 p.m., EST.

Listen to the "Faith In Our Time" program over your Mutual station, every Thursday at 10:15 a.m., EST.

Consult your local paper for the time and station of "The Ave Maria Hour," the "Hour of St. Francis" and the Sacred Heart program.

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But the story moves on from manger to cross Where hope is o'erwhelmed by unspeakable loss, But the end is not here, He comes forth from the grave Our risen redeemer Almighty to save.

O this be your joy on this blest Christmas day With its gifts, its delights and its children at play That over it all and for time without end Is Jesus of Bethlehem, Saviour and Friend.

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DEPARTMENT A

humanity He loves so dearly.

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Christ confronts the devil—that prince of liars.

"Do as I say," says Satan, "and you shall be as gods." That liar! If we do as he says, we shall be as beasts.

"He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath life everlasting," says Jesus, "and I will raise him up on the last day." Words of eternal truth! We become as gods, not by sinning, but by communicating with Our Lord.

"Marrying into a family of higher social rank changes one's condition," says Blessed Peter Eyraud; "by marrying a king, a commoner becomes queen. Our Lord shares His divinity with us by communicating Himself to us. We become His flesh and His blood. We receive something of the Creator's divine and heavenly kingship... A less perfect food is transformed into us, but we are transformed into Our Lord, Who absorbs us. We become members of God."

This is our tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is the new Adam who teaches us, in Holy Communion, the difference between right and wrong. It is He Who purifies our conscience and makes it sensitive to the least nuance of God's Will.

Will Build His Crib In Our Souls

The Blessed Sacrament is our Emmanuel, our everlasting Christmas. Christ reposes in the ciborium as once He lay on the golden straw in Bethlehem. He is always there, awaiting our adoration, our love, eager to give Himself to our embrace. He wants to be locked in the warm flesh of our hearts.

We can visit the Crib next Thursday and address a prayer to the Infant Jesus represented there, but far more beautiful, infinitely more pleasing to Our Lord will be our Christmas Communion, when we build His Crib in our soul and bend over Him with the gift of our whole-hearted love, devotion, and service.

California's Shame

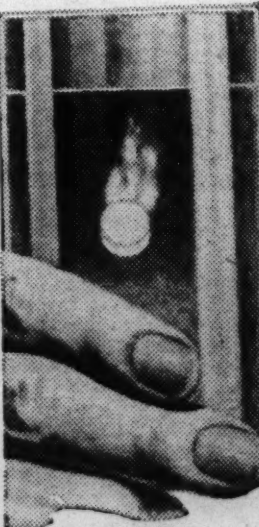
Los Angeles County issued 19,561 marriage licenses and recorded 18,525 marriages in the first six months of 1947. In other words, more than a thousand couples applied for marriage licenses and did not use them. This represents, in large part, hasty, fraudulent, or drunken plans that would not survive a few days' delay. During the same period 15,711 suits were filed for divorce, annulment, or separation. Taking the ratio of these to the number of marriage licenses issued—the customary way of figuring—gives the county a "divorce rate" of 80% for the first half of the year.—Family Life.

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Notre Dame Institute Stresses Return To Natural Law If God-Given Rights Are To Remain

Notre Dame, Ind.—Increased emphasis on the Natural Law, or the Law of God recognized by human reason, as the basis of life, liberty and all other human rights, was urged by speakers at the First Natural Law Institute which concluded its two-day meetings December 13, at the University of Notre Dame.

The Institute was attended by hundreds of lawyers, judges, clergymen, educators, students and other interested persons from many parts of the country. The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., Bishop of Buffalo, N. Y., and former president of Notre Dame, was Honorary Chairman of the Institute, while the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame, presided.

The keynote of the Institute was sounded by Bishop O'Hara when he warned that mankind, as a whole, must return to the Natural Law or lose all concept of the God-given rights of man. Such a catastrophe as loss of this concept, he added, would give rise to more dictators like Stalin and Hitler who would enslave and degrade the entire world.

In welcoming those attending the Institute, Fr. Cavanaugh said that their interest was "an indication that there remains in this country a strong nucleus of thoughtful Americans who share the conviction that a strong hope—the only hope—for the future of American jurisprudence lies in giving law students a proper sense of the basic inter-relationship of the Positive Law and the Natural Law."

Father Cavanaugh also emphasized that "God's creative purpose existed in His infinite mind before He created man; that the natural law, under which our human law receives its only sanction, existed before God made man, breathed into him an immortal soul, and provoked him with nature's bounty."

"I think it is well to recall this truth, particularly at a time where there is such a noticeable attempt to oust God from His universe," Father Cavanaugh continued, "when man's laws take precedence over God's laws, if, indeed, they do not supplant them altogether."

Dr. Clarence E. Manion, Dean of the College of Law at Notre Dame, said the issues discussed at the Institute were vital to every American. He also emphasized that it was the devotion of the Founding Fathers to the Natural Law that made possible the present United States Government.

"Does the individual man have rights?" he asked. "If so, where do these rights come from? If they come from Constitutions and Bills of Rights, what is to prevent someone from changing these Constitutions and taking these rights away?"

"Is the rightness of all governmental action to be tested by what a majority of the people desire the government to do from time to time. If this is true, what was wrong about Hitler's Government, assuming that a majority of the German people wanted him to do what he did?"

"If a man does have an imperishable, created nature which is governed and protected by created natural laws, then there would seem to be justification for those human Constitutions and Bills of Rights which try to protect human beings from the wanton, whimsical treatment that is accorded to beasts of the field."

"If man has no such created nature and there are no such created natural laws for his special protection, then man is just a grown up beast and the best would seem to belong to the biggest. If this is the case, might is right, justice is non-existent, and the world might as well reconcile itself to the worst."

Another speaker, the Rev. William Doherty, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame, noted authority on Canon Law, pointed out that "all human beings should become increasingly aware of the fact that every true law is derived in some way from the Divine Eternal Law."

"Since the Eternal Law is that supreme and exalted plan of government existing in God Himself, the Supreme Legislator, all plans of government on inferior planes are derived from the Eternal Law," according to Father Doherty. "Hence it is that all laws, in so far as they partake of right reason, are derived from the Eternal Law. In other words, all that is just and lawful in temporal laws is derived from the Eternal Law."

Professor Ben W. Palmer of the University of Minnesota told the Institute that unless pragmatic philosophy is driven out of the American legal system, the system will be shattered and chaos will result.

"One hundred and forty million men and women, each unique and infinitely precious in the eyes of God, seek refuge in the temple of American law," he said. "They look for protection against the abuses of arbitrary power whether by individuals, ruthless minority groups, or by the clamorous majority in a vast continental democracy. If they find that the foundations of that structure have been subtly undermined so that it no longer gives them assurance of protection; if they see with newly-opened eyes that the law administered therein is merely the embodiment of arbitrary force, of command and not of reason or enduring principles of justice, they will shatter it to bits and revert to primeval chaos or insurrection organized. And that catastrophe will occur if a pragmatic philosophy dominates the law, particularly American constitutional law."

Speaking at another session of the Institute, Harold R. McKinnon, prominent San Francisco, Calif., attorney, declared that in spite of efforts by legal realists to exclude moral values from laws, Natural Law has survived because men naturally think in terms of it.

"The values which they thrust out through one door," he asserted, "reentered through another. And any effort to place those values at any point short of the ultimate principles of the practical human reason is similarly futile. There is no choice between these principles and some other source of values. The only choice is between values and an effort to remake man without values, the consequences of which we have lately witnessed."

The philosophy of the Natural Law was discussed before the Institute by Dr. Mortimore J. Adler of the University of Chicago.

Requiescant

Nora McClellan

Fort Wayne — Mrs. Nora McClellan, 52, wife of Ralph H. McClellan, a Pennsylvania railroad engineer died at 6 a.m. Sunday in St. Joseph's Hospital following an illness of eight weeks. She resided at 122 East Wallace street. Deceased was a native of Fort Wayne, had resided here all her life and was a well-known member of St. Patrick's church and the Rosary society. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, officiating, the funeral was held at 9 a.m. Wednesday from St. Patrick's church. Survivors include her husband, three sons, Robert P., Richard R. and Jack E., all at home; two brothers, Thomas Aherne, Fort Wayne; Joseph Aherne, Richmond, and four sisters, the Misses Elizabeth and Ann Aherne, Mrs. Mary Muhler and Mrs. Paul Meier, all of Fort Wayne.

George Dinnen

Fort Wayne — Last rites for George A. Dinnen, 54, wartime head of the War Production Board's Chicago regional office who died Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Wesley Memorial Hospital, Chicago, were held Dec. 18, at 8:30 a.m. at the Fleming residence, 1031 West Berry St., and at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Dapp, pastor, officiating.

Son of the late Dr. James Michael Dinnen and Catherine Dinnen, he was a Fort Wayne native and a graduate of the Cathedral School. He attended the University of Notre Dame. His father was medical director of the Nickel Plate Railroad.

His death followed a few days after an emergency appendectomy after which peritonitis developed.

Surviving are the widow, Margaret Travis Dinnen, Chicago; a son, James Michael, Chicago; four brothers, William, Chicago; Dr. J. Frank Dinnen, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Robert, Huntington, and Charles, Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Helen, Fort Wayne; Josephine, Chicago; and Sister Mary Adela, of the Holy Cross order, Notre Dame.

Gerald Joseph Bucha, 15, St. Michael, Waterloo.
John Brendel, 33, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne.
John McKinnon, 72, St. Mary, Fort Wayne.
Harvey L. LaFontaine, 51, St. Mary, Fort Wayne.
Miss Margaret Eva Riber, 43, St. Joseph, Elkhart.

HERE EAST MEETS WEST



East meets West at Mundelein College for Women, Chicago. Measuring the miles that separate their homes are students Nanette Ventenilla from Manila, Emidia Fabbri-Lacroix from Puerto Rico and Ruth Geyer from Prague. The college is conducted by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (NC Photos)

Radio Comedies 'Acceptable' In Seventh Rating

Rensselaer, Ind.—Every radio comedy program dialed during the week of Nov. 23 was at least "acceptable," and four shows were termed "highly acceptable," according to the current Radio Acceptance Poll report issued from tabulation headquarters at St. Joseph's College.

Only 337 "good taste" critics tuned in as compared with 1,282 college students who sent in ballots the previous week. Thanksgiving recesses at many institutions slowed the return.

Best programs of the week from the R.A.P. standpoint were Fibber McGee & Molly, Burns & Allen, Jimmy Durante, and Henry Morgan. All were judged "highly acceptable." The Charlie McCarthy show missed this top classification by one rating point.

Eighteen individual performers were "highly acceptable," 43 were "acceptable," and four were "barely acceptable," according to the seventh week of the Radio Acceptance Poll.

Here are Radio Acceptance Poll results for programs audited during the week of Nov. 23: Fibber McGee & Molly, Burns & Allen, Jimmy Durante, Henry Morgan, Charlie McCarthy, Red Skelton, Fitch Bandwagon, Jack Benny, Fred Allen, Baby Snooks, Jack Carson, Jim Backus, Milton Berle, Duffy's Tavern, Eddie Cantor, It Pays To Be Ignorant, Bob Hope, Jack Paar.

Franciscan Choir To Sing Christmas Carols

Cedar Lake—The Franciscan choir, composed of seminarians of Lourdes Monastery, Cedar Lake, and under the direction of Rev. Sergius Wroblewski, O.F.M., is scheduled to sing the traditional Christmas carols in various places of Lake County.

On Dec. 19, in the evening, the choristers will supply the Yuletide singing at the J. O. Parramore Hospital, Crown Point, during presentation of a Christmas pageant sponsored by the Aquinas Club of St. Mary's Church of that city. A repeat performance of the same will be given to the inmates of the Lake County Home, Crown Point, the evening of Dec. 21.

Station WJOB, Hammond, has completed arrangements to feature the choir in a broadcast on Sunday, Dec. 21, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Frater Xavier Strugalski, O.F.M., of the Monastery, will also play a few organ selections on the air.

The Friars will return Dec. 22 to the J. O. Parramore Hospital where they will sing during the 7:00 o'clock Mass to be celebrated by Rev. Bartholomew Biernat, O.F.M., chaplain of the institution.

The Franciscan choir will complete the series of joyous caroling Sunday, Dec. 28, when they are scheduled to sing at the St. Anthony's Home for the Aged, Crown Point.

List St. Patrick's Society Meetings; Holiday Affairs

Fort Wayne—St. Patrick's parish Holy Name society following a corporate Communion on Sunday at the 8 a. m. Mass, attended a breakfast meeting held in the lyceum under direction of President Otto A. Wolf. Fire Chief Arthur Kring was guest speaker. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. Lawrence Monahan, rector of St. Patrick's and spiritual director of the society, addressed the men on "The Spiritual Approach to Christmas."

Sunday, December 21, the Blessed Virgin sodality after a corporate Communion at 8 a. m. at St. Patrick's will have a Communion breakfast meeting election Christmas party and gift exchange in the lyceum. Miss Alice O'Reilly, president, will be in charge. The gifts exchanged will later be turned in to be sent to the Sisters of Missionary Catechists in Gary.

The Rosary society of St. Patrick's held its Christmas party and gift exchange last Thursday night in the lyceum. Msgr. Monahan gave the message for the season. Mrs. Donnelly P. McDonald, president, entertained with an illustrated talk on "The Madonnas in Art."

St. Lawrence Sewing Guild on Thursday noon held its dinner meeting Christmas party and gift exchange in the lyceum. Mrs. A. J. Rivers is president.

Father Michalski To Give Sermon At 63rd NCCM Holy Hour

Gary—The Rev. L. Michalski, pastor of St. Hedwig Church, will preach the sermon at the sixty-third Holy Hour in the Spiritual Crusade of the Gary Deanery Council of the National Council of Catholic Men, to be held at St. Hedwig's Church, 18th & Connecticut St., Gary, this Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:45 P. M.

The committee on arrangements wishes to remind the members of the deanery council of the forthcoming elections: January, election of parish council officers; February, election of districts council officers; and March, election of deanery council officers. It would be well to keep in mind that our deanery has need of militant councils in every one of its units to put the deanery programs into Action.

Catholic Literature Club Holds Meeting

Fort Wayne — The Christmas meeting of the Catholic Literature Club, here, was held at the home of Mrs. Burton Tolley the evening of Dec. 13. The meeting was originally scheduled for Dec. 6. Speakers were Miss Margaret Leahy and Miss Catherine Nolan.

The group's Guest Night is set for January 6 with Miss Kathleen Hackman as violin soloist and Mrs. T. J. O'Dowd, Miss Margaret Leahy and Mrs. J. M. Carner as hostesses.

CC. Mothers' Club Party In School

Fort Wayne—Incident to the meeting of Central Catholic Mothers' club held Wednesday, December 17 at 8:30 p.m. in the school, a Christmas party was enjoyed and gifts were exchanged. The C. C. Dramatic club, under direction of the Rev. James O'Connor, entertained with a holiday skit. Mrs. Warren Fairfield was chairman.

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Centenary Of Holy Childhood Society Observed

Paris, Dec. 15 — (NC) — Millions of Chinese children during the last century have been rescued from paganism and poverty and brought into the Catholic Faith through the voluntary contributions of children which sustain the work of the world-wide Society of the Holy Childhood.

The accomplishments of the society were recited from the pulpit of Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral during a solemn celebration of the organization's centenary. His Eminence Emmanuel Celestine Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris; Archbishop Angelo G. Roncalli, Apostolic Nuncio to France; Pierre Cardinal Petit de Julleville, Archbishop of Rouen, and some 40 Bishops attended the ceremonies. Pierre Cardinal Petit de Julleville died shortly after he returned to Rouen from the ceremonies.

Thousands of girls and boys, members of the Society of the Holy Childhood, also were present. They included some Chinese, Annamites, Hindus and Arabs.

Before the singing of the Te Deum, a message from His Holiness Pope Pius XII was read. In it, the Holy Father congratulated the Society on its works and bestowed his Apostolic Benediction.

The Society, which is scattered throughout the world, asks a small monthly contribution from its child-members and their prayers for the children of unbelievers. With the funds collected, many thousands of children in China are given refuge in schools and orphanages. The number of baptisms sometimes surpass 500,000 in a single year.

Missionary Will Address C.S.M.C. At St. Francis College

Fort Wayne—The Rev. Alfred Pimple, O.F.M., manager of the Franciscan Press and editor of "Franciscans in China," a monthly magazine, will give a survey of his missionary experiences for the Catholic Students Mission Crusade at St. Francis College, city, on Thursday, December 18. He is now stationed in St. Lawrence's parish, Lafayette. For two and one-half years during World War II, he was in a concentration camp in Shanghai.

Lake County Athletes Merit St. Joseph Monograms

Rensselaer, Ind.—Seven former high school athletes from Lake County were awarded varsity football monograms at St. Joseph's College this week.

John Lucas, junior guard from Gary and former Horace Mann griddler, won his third letter. He is the only man on the Puma squad who is not a freshman or sophomore. Others from Gary are Tom Tysall, sophomore guard, Noll High; and Louis Milani, freshman halfback from Marmion Academy. James Buckley, senior from Whiting, played end for the Pumas before the war. He assisted the coaching staff as scout and trainer. He formerly attended Whiting High.

Al Miesch, sophomore guard from Hammond, is a graduate of Noll High.

From East Chicago are Tom Quinn, sophomore quarterback, Noll High; and Don Quinn, sophomore end, Roosevelt High.

Lake County Curia Seeks Expansion

Gary—The fourth meeting of the Lake County Curia of the Legion of Mary was held at St. John Church, St. John, Sunday, December 7 at 3 P. M. There were sixteen members present. These members are the officers of the affiliated Parishes.

This Curia has as its main work the extension of the Legion throughout Lake County. Over thirty parishes have been contacted by members of Parishes attached to this new Curia.

The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church in East Chicago on January 4, 1948 at 3:30 P. M.

Father J. N. Allgeier Honored By Children



On the feast of St. Nicholas, the Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Fort Wayne, was honored by a program given by the children of the parish, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, directing. The program included greetings by Michael Kelleher, grade 8; a festal chorus by the students; vocal solo by Madeline Olivette, grade 6, and three band selections directed by Mr. Richard Guthrie, Central Catholic High School. In the scene Father Allgeier is pictured receiving a spiritual bouquet and a name day gift from Julian Horstman and Barbara Lynn Horstman.

On The Shelf

Catholic Lending Library

Calhoun at Jefferson
Fort Wayne
(Entrance on Jefferson)

Here we have a rare and happy combination: Two books of solid merit appearing, on early New York State History, both by Walter D. Edmonds.

"The Wedding Journey"—In 1835 from Schenectady to Buffalo was a four day trip by packet boat, endured by many newly-weds whose ultimate goal was reached—in viewing Niagara Falls. This Erie Canal honeymoon of a century ago takes the reader through the Era of another long-ago day.

Alan Tompkin's color drawings round out this attractive edition.

"In The Hands Of The Senecas"—Few men were taken captives—the women and older children plodded the long trail back to the village of the Senecas. This is all about real Indians, who are impersonally cruel, simple and friendly, wise, brutal, sly, kind, proud, self-effacing, and laughter-loving.

Particularly moving is the account of Skanasunk, the Indian, and his adopted captives, Pete Kelly and Eileen Mitchell. When the youngsters escape, they might have died for lack of food—on the trail eastward—had not Skanasunk provided for them along the way, unknown.

There is seemingly no limit to the capacity of this American author, Walter D. Edmonds, to absorb from his childhood, spent in Boonville, N. Y., the rich material from which he has created such moving and entertaining fiction.

"Grand Central" by David Marshall—This city within a city, the Grand Central Terminal in the heart of New York City, is the goal of millions each year. With its daily average of 600 trains, 178,000 passengers, Jake the Keeper of the clocks, more than 1,000 station-masters, ticket takers, Red-Caps, engineers and policemen, "Grand Central" describes the meeting place of a nation.

Library hours—Every afternoon 2 until 5. Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30 to 8:00.

Rabbi A. J. Feinberg Addresses Fathers And Sons At St. Joseph's

Hammond—One of the largest gatherings of fathers and sons of St. Joseph Church attended the monthly breakfast of the Holy Name Society last Sunday morning to listen to the address of Rabbi

A. J. Feinberg of Temple Beth-El of Hammond.

Speaking on the subject "A World of Brotherhood" Rabbi Feinberg cited his many experiences while Island Chaplain on Iwo Jima which were indicative of the brotherhood that existed between all races, colors, and creeds while on the field of battle. These experiences brought applause after applause from the two hundred fathers and sons present in their enthusiastic reception of the speaker's message.

Harry P. Grimmer, Sr., introduced the speaker.

In the absence of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jansen, the pastor of St. Joseph Church, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Mungovan, Vicar General of the Fort Wayne Diocese, responded to the speaker.

St. Rose Sodality Of St. Mary's Elects

Fort Wayne—Bi-ennial election of officers of St. Rose Sodality of St. Mary's church was held Sunday afternoon in the school auditorium, resulting in the return to office of: Miss Gertrude Kuttner, president; Miss Margaret Kindley, vice president; Miss Lucille Meo, secretary; Miss Helen Yeranko, treasurer. The Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, pastor, and the Rev. James Gerstbauer, attended, the latter, moderator of the sodality, giving a talk.

Summit City C.O.F. Host To Juveniles

Fort Wayne—Summit City Court No. 1180 Catholic Order of Foresters, gave its annual Christmas party for children of members at 3 p.m. Sunday in St. Paul's school auditorium. The program included entertainment on the stage, singing of Christmas carols, a visit from Santa, and distribution of gifts. Gilbert Relue, the speaker, served as chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, assisted by other officers.

Catholic Nurses Program At Home

Fort Wayne—The Fort Wayne Deanery Council of Catholic Nurses sponsored a Christmas party at 8:15 p.m. Monday in the St. Joseph's Nurses' Home, with student nurses in charge of the program. Those attending brought Christmas gifts given in the exchange, but which will be distributed to needy adult patients in the hospital.

Franciscan Fathers Christmas Engagements

Cedar Lake—The Franciscan Fathers of Cedar Lake will preach and assist with the Christmas Day services in various parishes of the Diocese.

The Rev. Victor Krzywonos, O.F.M., Guardian, will celebrate the Midnight Mass in St. Anthony's Home for the Aged, Crown Point.

The Rev. Bartholomew Biernat, O.F.M., Chaplain of Lake County Institutions, is scheduled to assist the Rev. J. M. Nickels, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Parish, Turkey Creek.

The Rev. Ladislaus Krause, pastor of St. Cyril and Methodius Parish, North Judson, has secured the services of the Rev. Donald Bilinski, O.F.M.

The Rev. Sergius Wroblewski, O.F.M., will journey to Otis to assist the Rev. Louis Bozik, pastor of St. Mary's Parish.

The Rev. Joseph Hammes, pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Crown Point, has engaged the Rev. Emil Rakowski, O.F.M.

During the Christmas Day festivities the Rev. Thomas Adamiak, O.F.M., will assist the Very Rev. Msgr. Julian Skrzypinski, pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, East Chicago.

The Rev. Marcel Pasiecznik, O.F.M., will assist at St. Joseph Parish, East Chicago, where the Rev. Edward Wroblewski is pastor.

The Rev. John Bartkowski with the assistance of the Rev. Edwin Hrupek, O.F.M., will conduct the Christmas services at St. John Bosco Parish, Hammond.

Holy Name Rosary Officers Elected At Precious Blood

Fort Wayne—Election of officers and Christmas messages by the Rev. Sebastian J. Kremer, C.P.P.S., pastor, featured the December meetings of the Holy Name and Rosary societies of Most Precious Blood church. The staffs will be installed at the January sessions.

Holy Name—Leon Enderle, president; Edward Bott, vice president; Cecil Christie, financial secretary; Clarence Diek, recording secretary; Robert Kohrman, treasurer.

Rosary Society—Mrs. Charles Henry, president; Mrs. Louis Rosenthal, vice president; Mrs. J. P. O'Boyle, secretary, and Mrs. John Thieson, treasurer.

Teachers Hit NEA Stand On Bus, Released-Time

Detroit, Dec. 15 — (NC) — Letters of two public school teachers, former members of the National Education Association, who express sharp disagreement with the NEA's stand against permitting parochial school children to ride public school buses and against the released-time program, were featured on the front page of The Michigan Catholic, archdiocesan weekly here.

Declaring that the NEA is becoming "openly contemptuous" of the opinion of its Catholic members, the letter of one of the teachers states: "Because of this intolerable situation I, a Catholic teacher in the Detroit public school system, have discontinued my 10-year membership in the NEA. . . . While the policy of the NEA has always been to better the educational opportunities of America's children, it makes a strange exception when it comes to approving tax-supported bus service for a tiny minority of rural children who go to parochial schools. Can the NEA not realize that health services, transportation, etc., are given to the child and not to the school?"

"Supporting a policy which causes little children to suffer hardship and danger and which deprives them of public services which their parents have paid for, purely on the basis of religion, is an example of un-American bigotry. An organization that distinguishes and discriminates between American children is in need of a searching self-examination."

Crosier Fathers Aid In Parishes Over Christmas

Fort Wayne—Nine Crosier Fathers of the staff of Sacred Heart Seminary on the Auburn road, are slated to assist in Fort Wayne and other parishes over Christmas, serving as confessors, Mass celebrants and speakers. The V. Rev. Leo W. Kappahn, O.S.C., Prior, will celebrate High Mass at Midnight in the Seminary Chapel, Brother Barnulfus presiding at the organ.

The Rev. Francis Pitka, O.S.C., sub-Prior will assist at St. Jude's church; the Rev. John Smerke, O.S.C., at St. John the Baptist; the Rev. Henry Mehr, O.S.C., at St. Peter's; the Rev. Richard Klaver, O.S.C., at St. Mary's; the Rev. Lawrence Weisensel, O.S.C., at the Christmas services at St. Joseph's and earlier at St. Vincent de Paul church, Auburn road; the Rev. Francis Biver, O.S.C., at St. Joan of Arc church, Kokomo; the Rev. Albert Bishop, O.S.C., at St. Joseph's church, Garrett; the Rev. Henry Miller, O.S.C., at Coldwater, Mich.; the Rev. Cletus Herman, O.S.C., at Bryan, Ind.

Seminarians Give Christmas Program

Fort Wayne—Students of Sacred Heart Seminary directed by the Rev. Daniel Richard, O.S.C., prefect of discipline, entertained with a Christmas party in the assembly hall at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. The V. Rev. Leo W. Kappahn, O.S.C., Prior, the Crosier staff and entire student body attended the event.

The Seminary will close at noon Friday, Dec. 19 for the Christmas vacation period, students to return Monday, January 5, and resuming classes the following day.

St. Jude's Rosary Officers Elected

Fort Wayne—Members of the Rosary society of St. Jude's church held annual election of officers, a Christmas party and gift exchange, at their meeting Monday night in the auditorium. The Rev. Charles F. Girardot, pastor, spiritual director of the society, gave the Christmas message. Officers elected were: Mrs. Albert Hamrick, president; Mrs. Russell Bennett, vice president; Mrs. Lester Connors, secretary; Mrs. Helen Horstman, treasurer.